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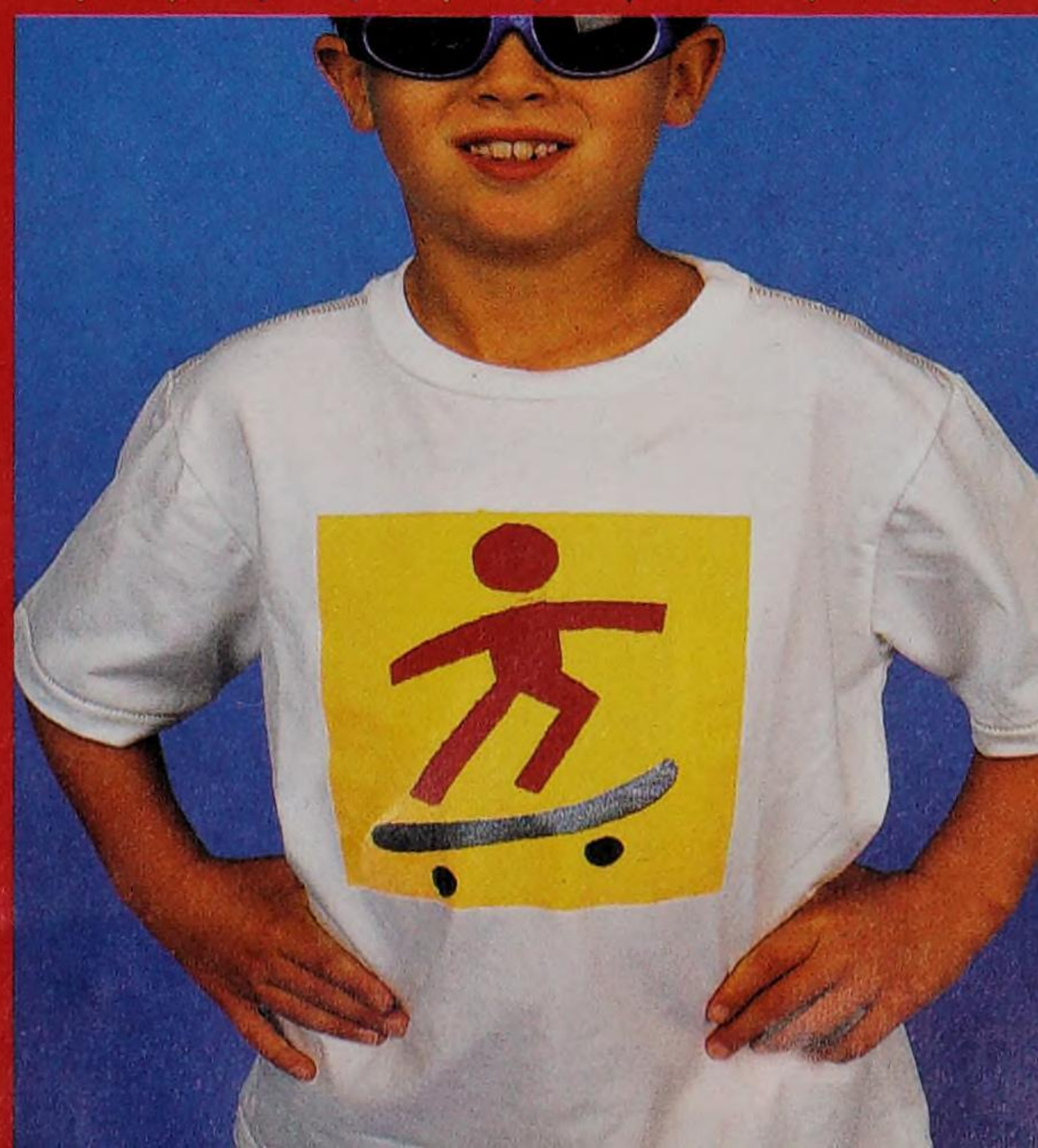
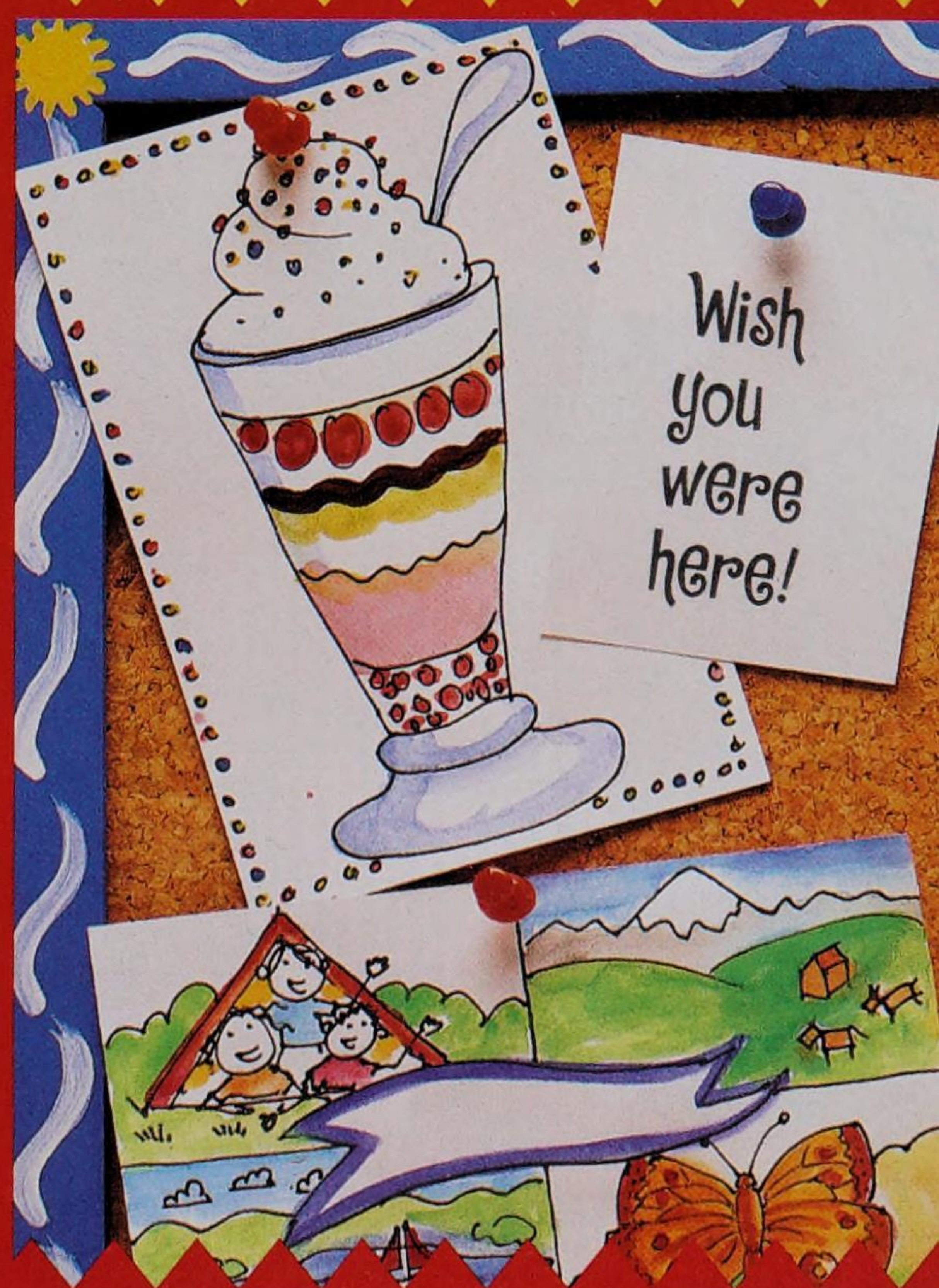
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Your Vacation activity kit

Pack up your pens! Be prepared for some creative fun on your vacation—make your own kit.

What's in the kit?

Here are a few essentials you could pack for lots of creative fun.



Make a kit box

YOU WILL NEED:

A box (a shoe box is ideal), colored paper, thin cardboard, and cord.

Shoe box with lid

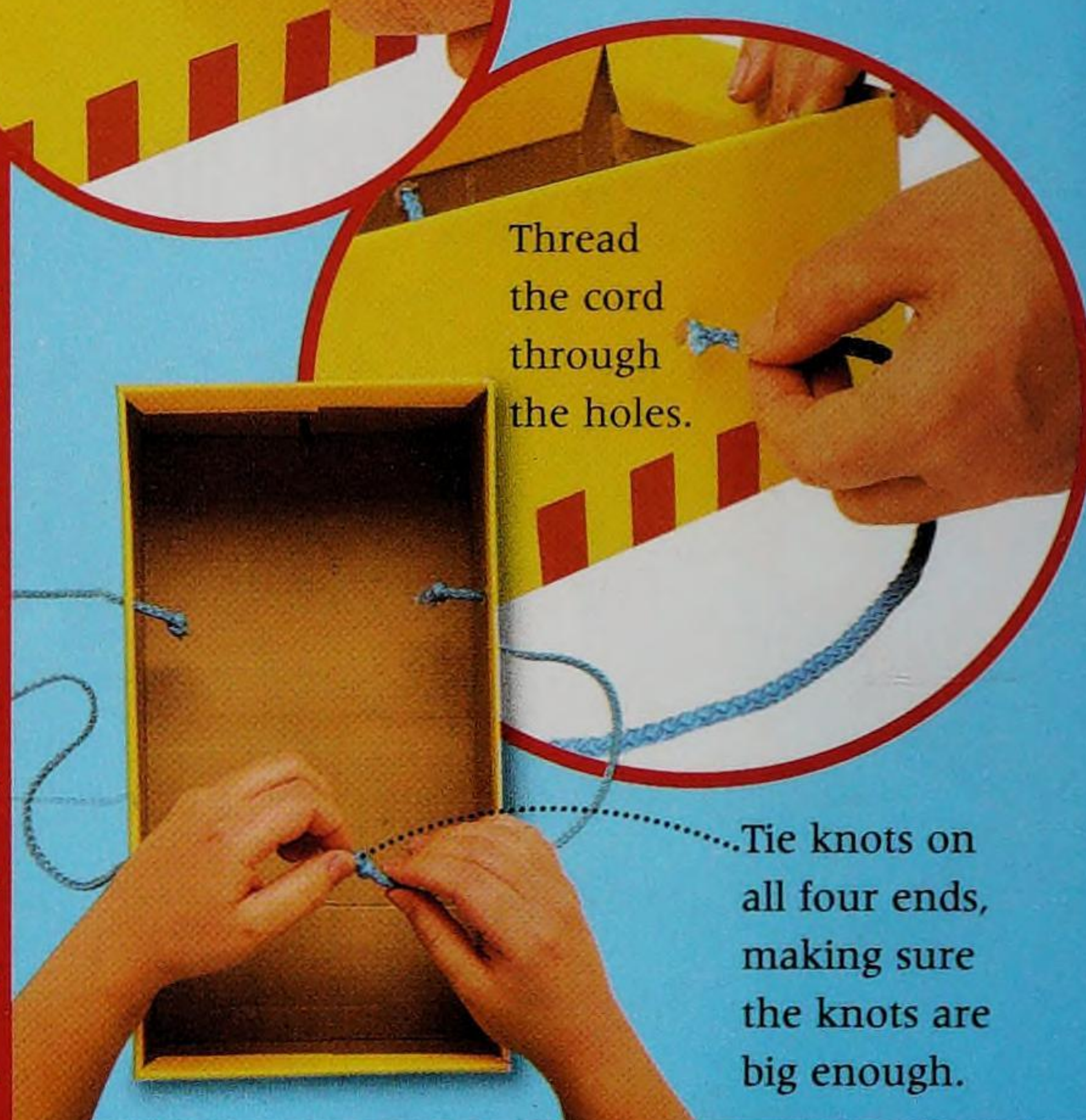


Make four holes.

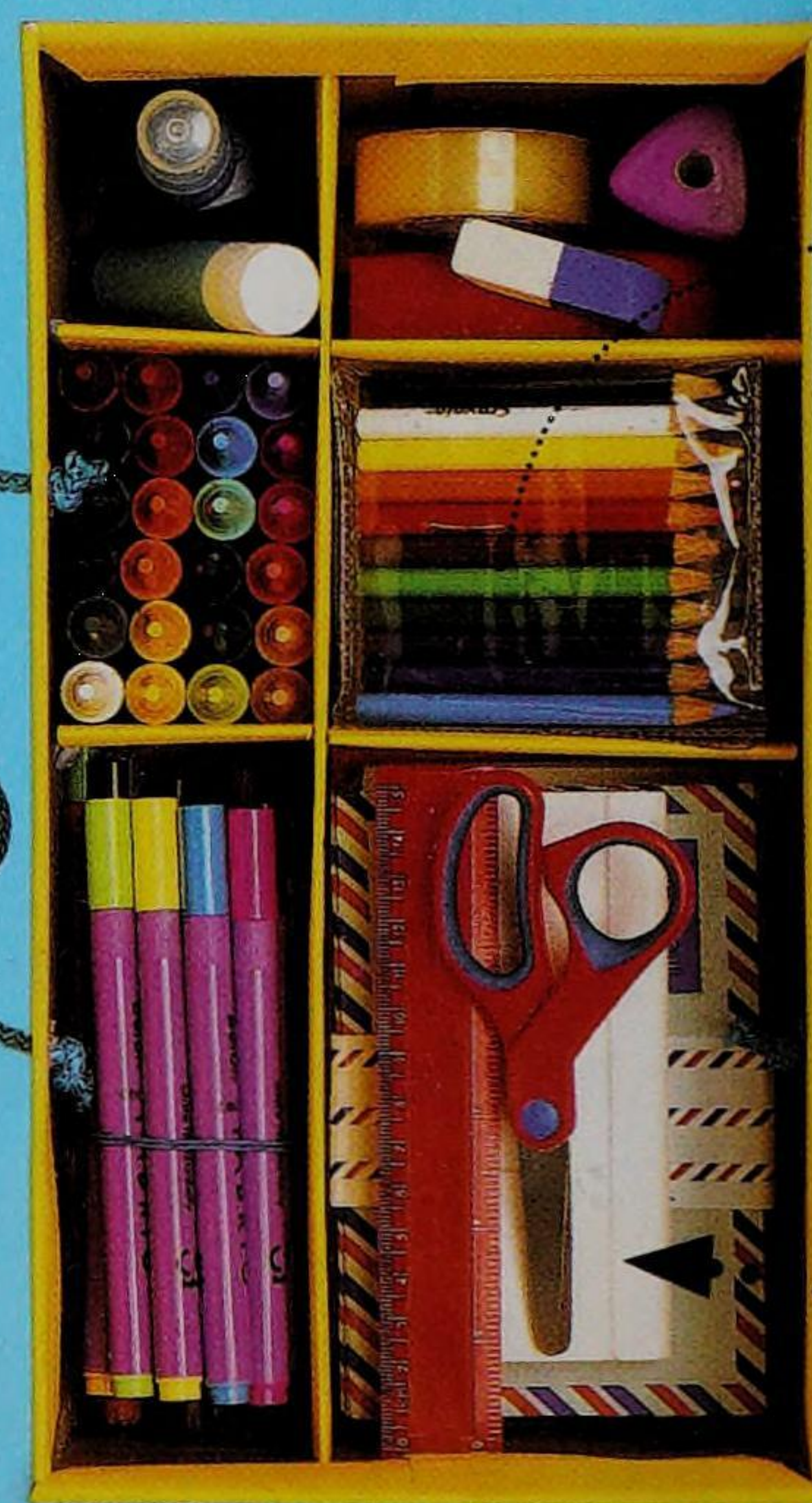


Add handles

Thread the cord through the holes.



Tie knots on all four ends, making sure the knots are big enough.



Pack up your materials in the sections.

The larger pads of paper will fit on the top.

You could glue on pictures from magazines or paint the box instead.

Design a pattern for the lid, draw it on paper, and glue it in place.

Cover up

Wrap your box in paper—wrapping paper works well.

Decorate

Use colored paper to make some patterns.

Add some dividers

Use thin cardboard to make dividers.

••••• Cut a strip the same length as the box.

Cut two slots from the base edge to the middle.

Cut two strips the same width as the box.

Cut one slot up each width as shown.

Slot cardboard strips together.

Slide the dividers into position.

Glue on some shaky eyes.

Pack and go!

If you can't find cord, use some shoe laces.

Have a good trip!



Fold-away game mats

Anywhere and everywhere—make a game mat that folds up neatly in your box.



Your mat will need to fold up small enough to fit in your box.



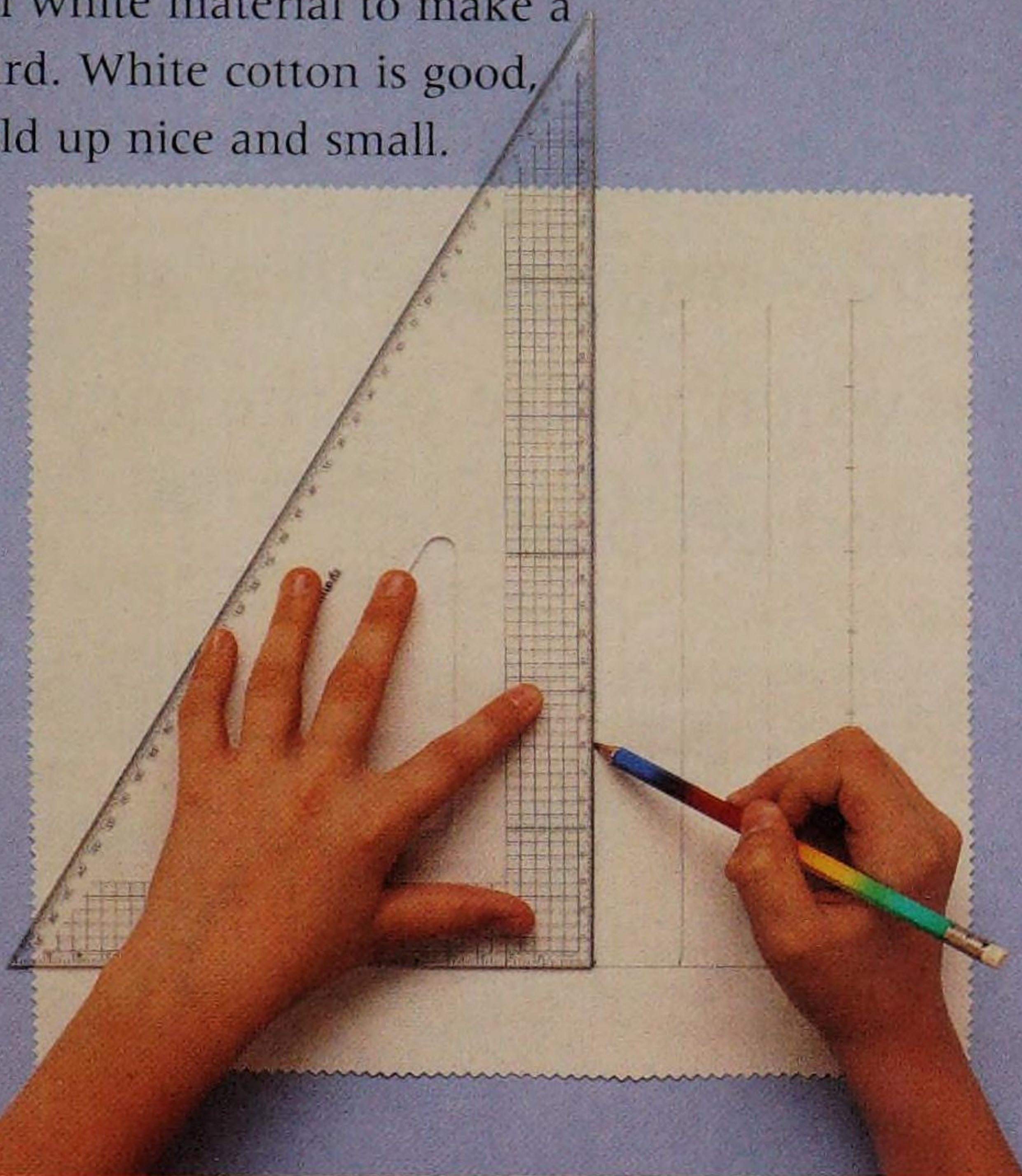
You can use anything as counters, even your snacks!

Fold-up game board

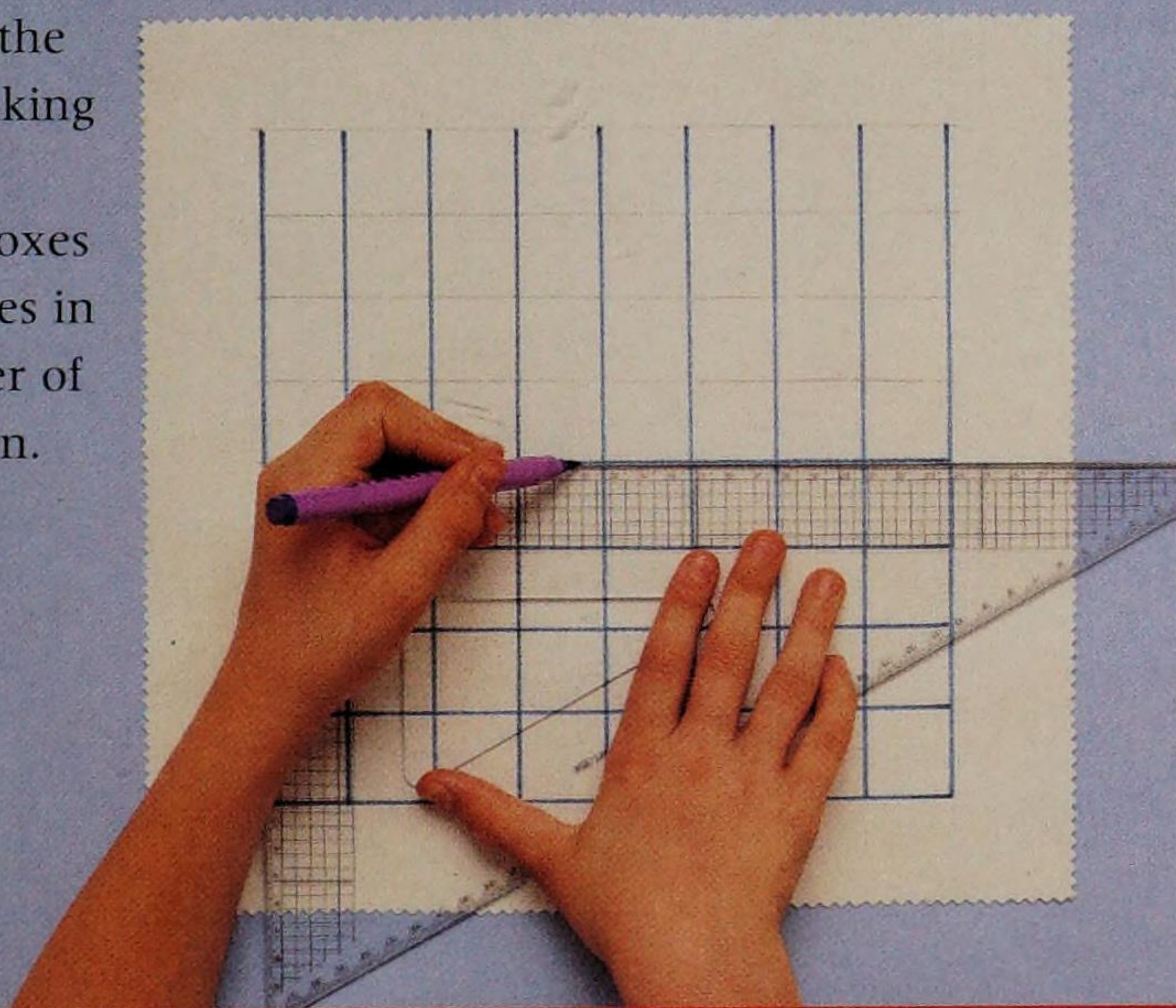
Find a piece of white material to make a fold-away board. White cotton is good, since it will fold up nice and small.

Cut out a piece of white cotton, 12 in by 12 in (30 cm by 30 cm).

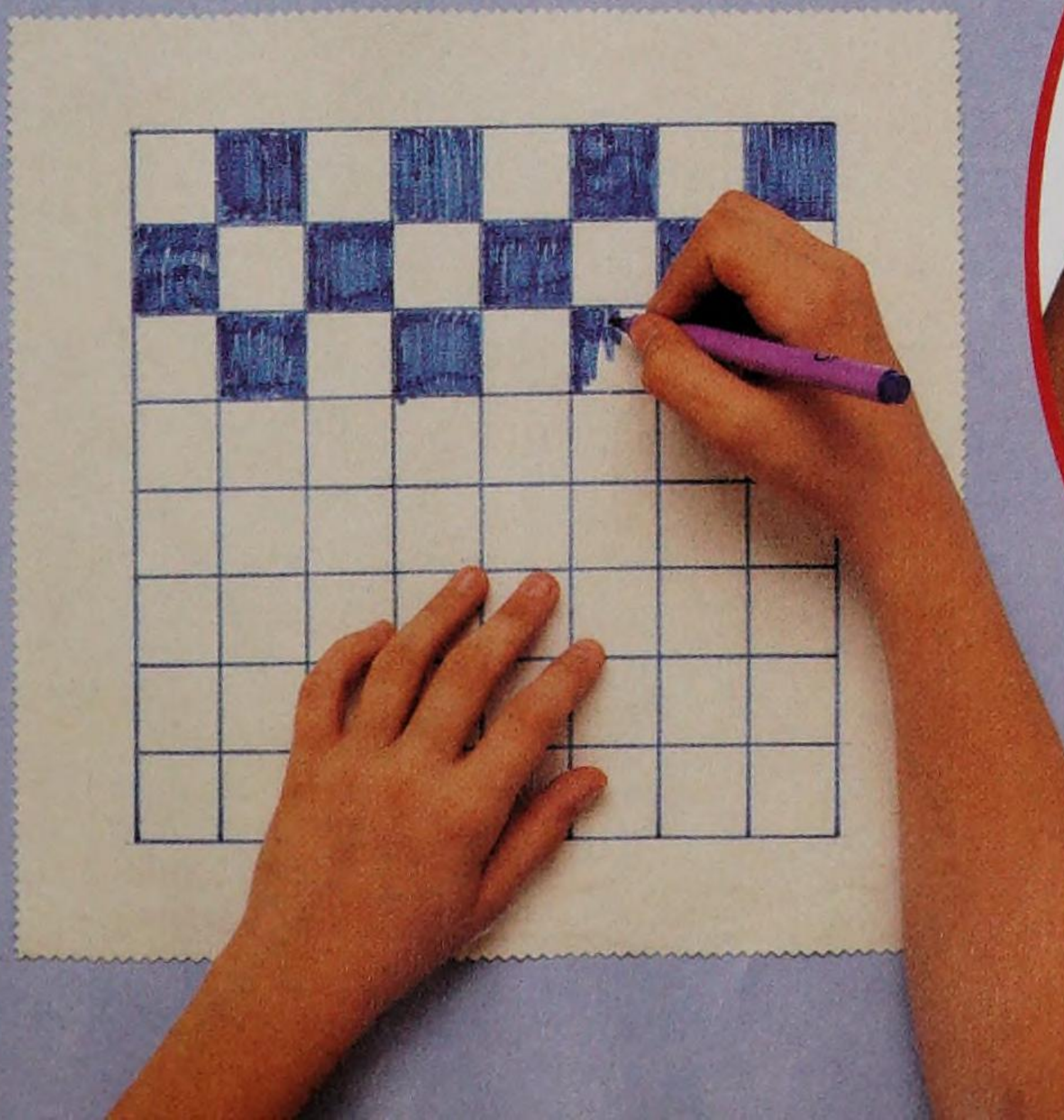
With a ruler mark every 1 in (2.5 cm) across and down.



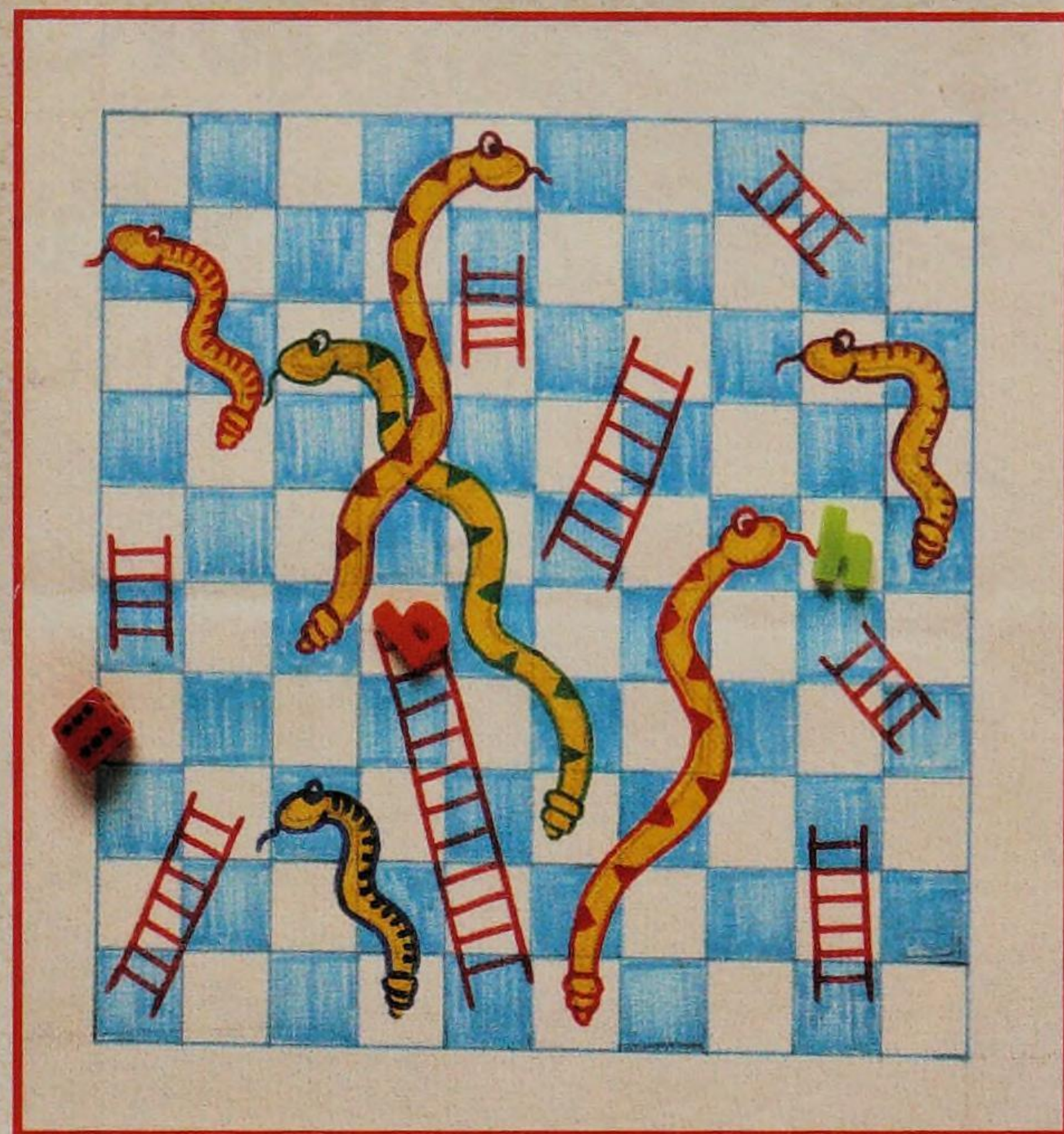
Draw in the lines, making sure you have 8 boxes by 8 boxes in the center of the cotton.



Color in every other square. No colored square should be next to another colored square.



Snakes and ladders



Your board can be adapted to snakes and ladders, checkers, chess, or any other board game. Just cut out felt shapes to suit your game.

Ready to play?

Make sure you learn the rules of the game you choose to play, then unfold the mat and play away!





Metal tin

Sticky play tin

Another portable game box—this time full of sticky games that will stay in place when you're on the move. Pack up your tin, get sticky, and get playing!

Why use a tin container?

Magnets will stick to the lid of a metal box, such as an old cookie tin. You can make pictures and write messages and they won't slide around.

Fridge magnet letters and numbers

Foam or cardboard shapes with magnets glued to the back.

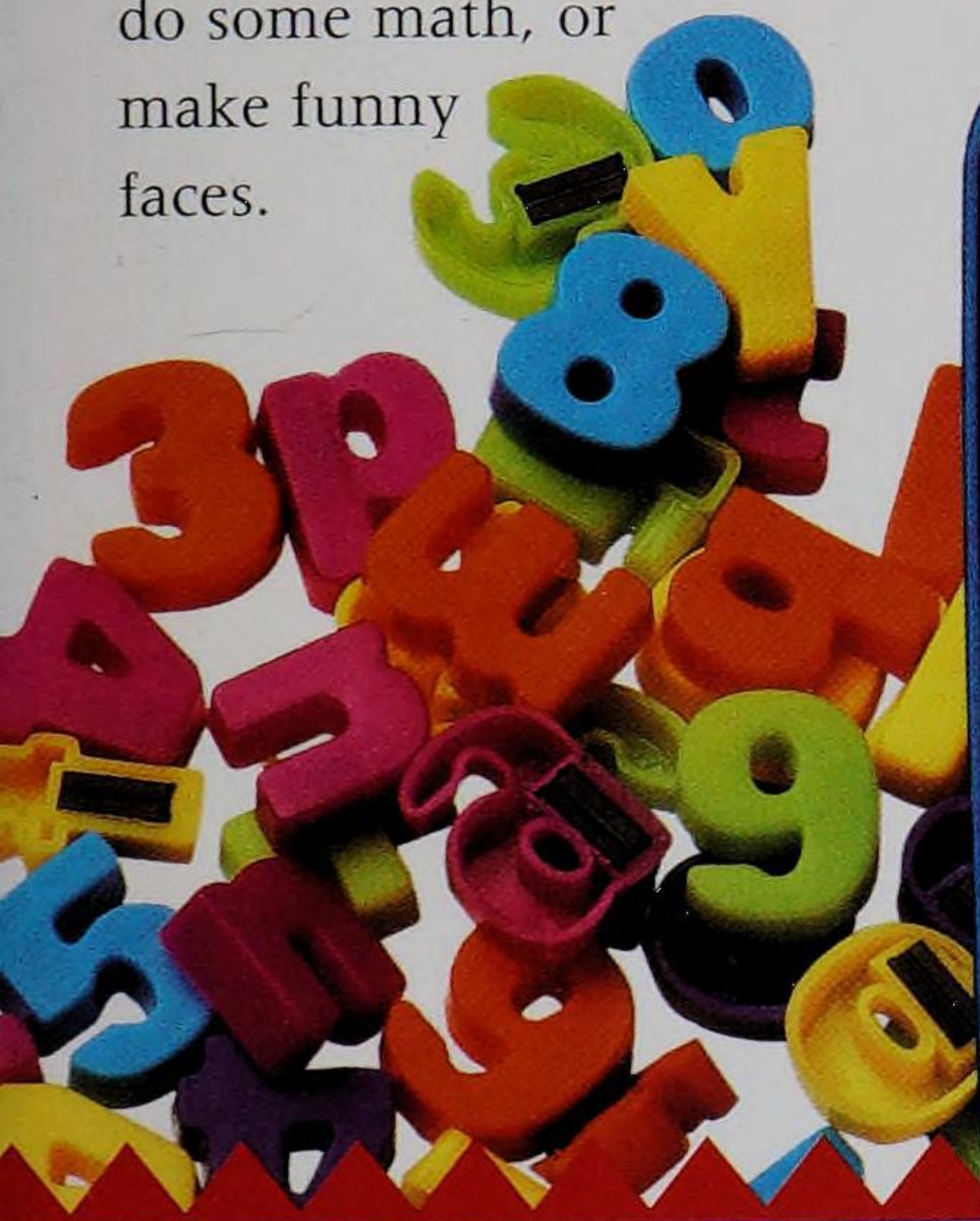




What's in the box?

Letter and number magnets

Write a message, play a word game, do some math, or make funny faces.



Felt shapes

Furry felt shapes are great for making pictures. Turn over the page for some shape ideas.

Inside the lid

Glue a piece of felt to the inside of the lid. You can then make pictures out of felt pieces.



It's all boxed up

Keep your odds and ends together by finding small boxes that will fit neatly into your tin. They'll keep everything neat and tidy.

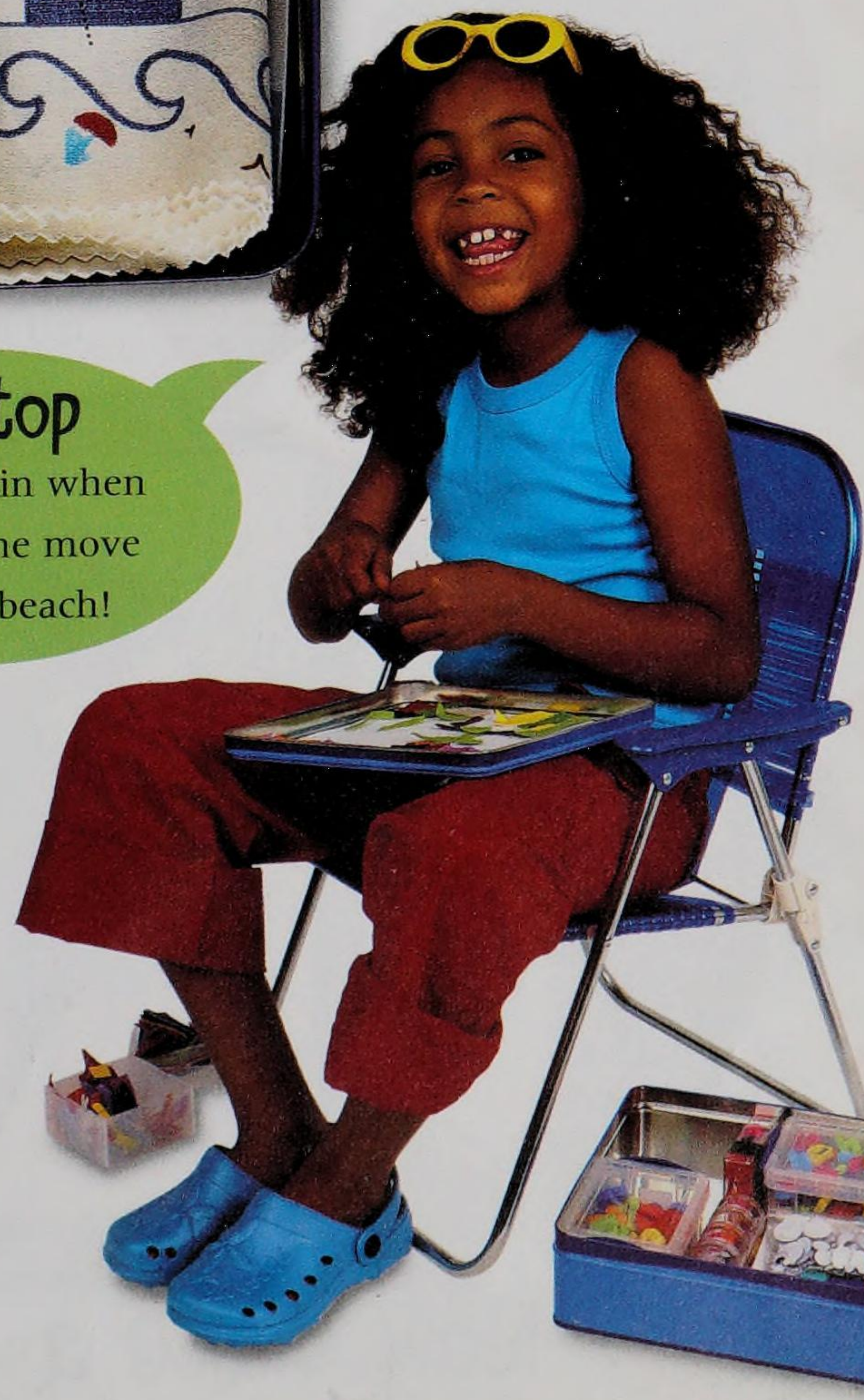


Fold-away game mat

Here's the perfect place to store your game mat.

Lap top

Open your tin when you're on the move or on the beach!



Sticky Furry Felts



Felt sticks really well to felt so you can make felt pictures without them sliding away—perfect for moving vehicles.



Dab glue in each corner.



Your felt shapes will stick to this surface.

1 Inside the tin lid

Cut a piece of felt to fit inside your tin lid and glue in place.

2 Glue it flat

Now you have a nonslip surface to place your shapes on.



Cut circles, squares, flowers, leaves, and any other shapes you can think of.

3 Cut out shapes

Now all you need to do is cut out lots and lots of felt shapes.



Keep the shapes in a box and store it in your tin.



Now make a picture

Cut out a tangram

Use the template opposite to cut out your tangram shapes.



Felt squares

Draw the lines of the template onto a square of thin cardboard.

Cut along all of the lines.

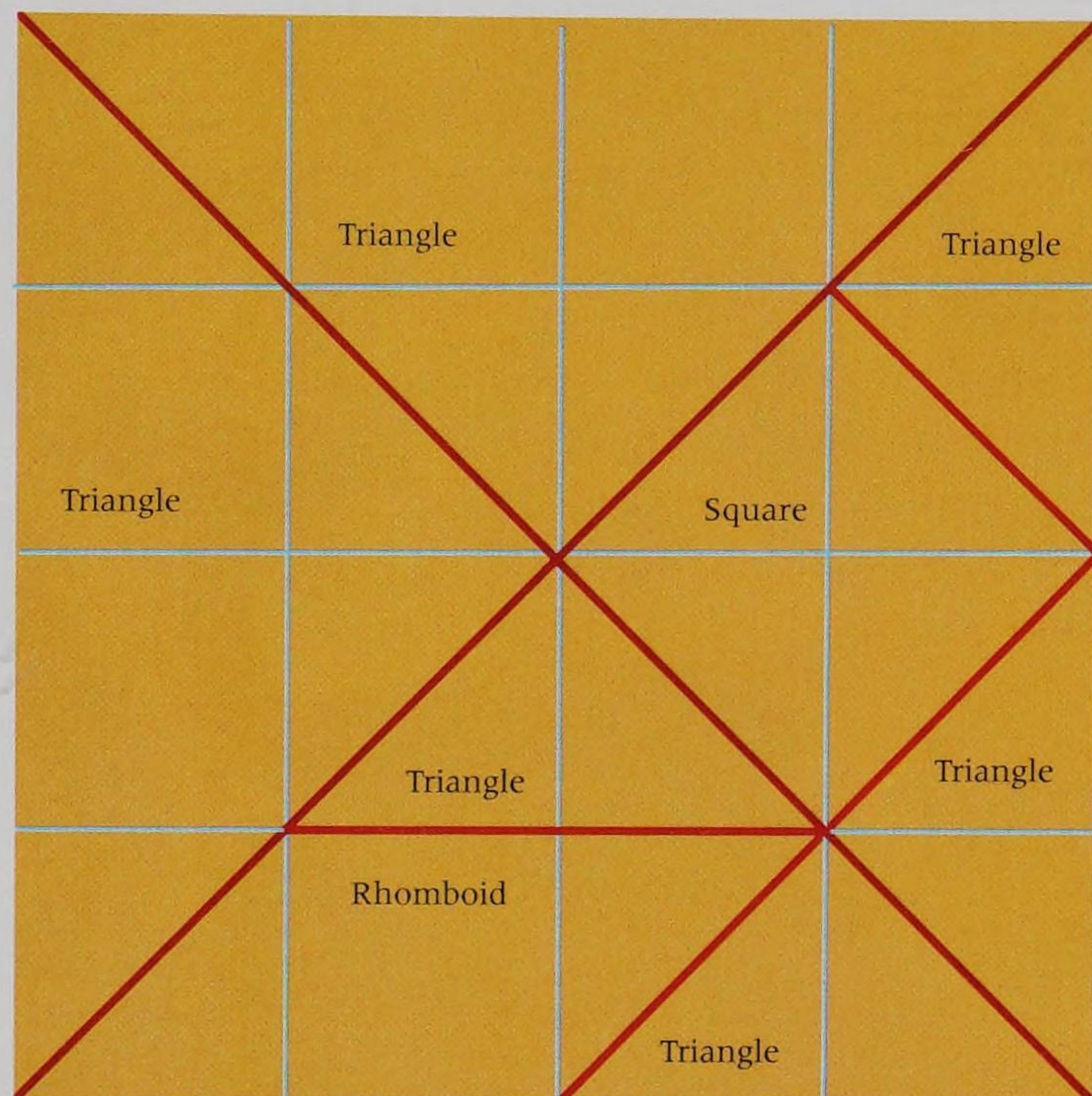
Now put each shape on a square of felt and draw around it.

Cut the shape out.

Repeat with all the shapes.

Tangrams

What is a Tangram? It's a Chinese puzzle made by cutting a square into six triangles, one square, and one rhomboid. These shapes can all be rearranged to make hundreds of different pictures.



Your tangram template

For help with your tangram template, turn to page 48 where you will find instructions on how to transfer a template onto cardboard.

Keep your
shapes in a box



Food on the *move*...

Pack up some fast food for a long trip. Bite-sized snacks like grapes, nuts, and vegetable sticks all boxed up in airtight containers are perfect when you're hungry.

Food travel tips

- Don't take too much sugary or salty food.
- Fresh vegetables and fruit are more refreshing.
- Feeling car sick? Try ginger—it's good for your digestion and may settle your stomach.

Crumbs!
We're on our way!!





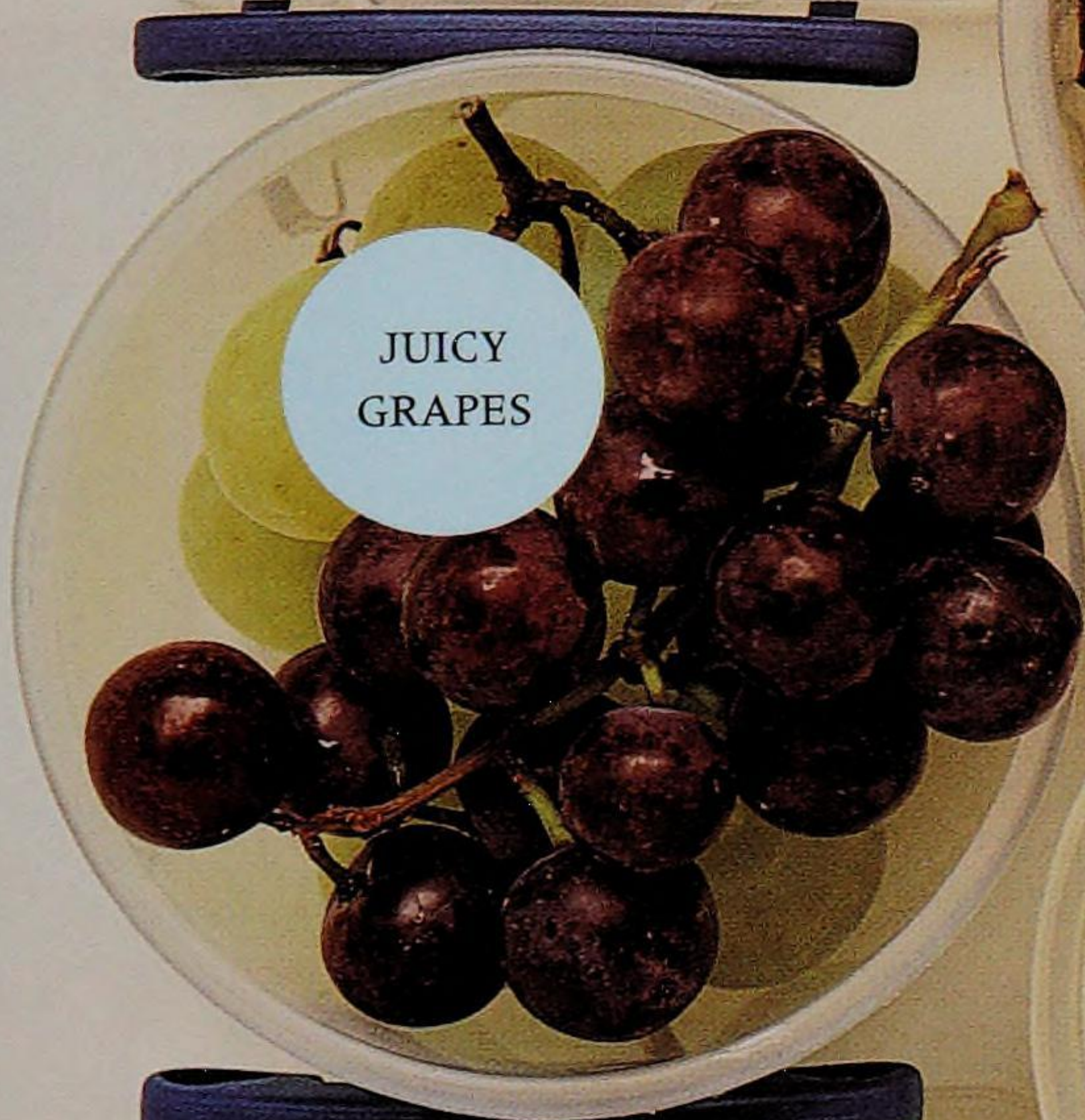
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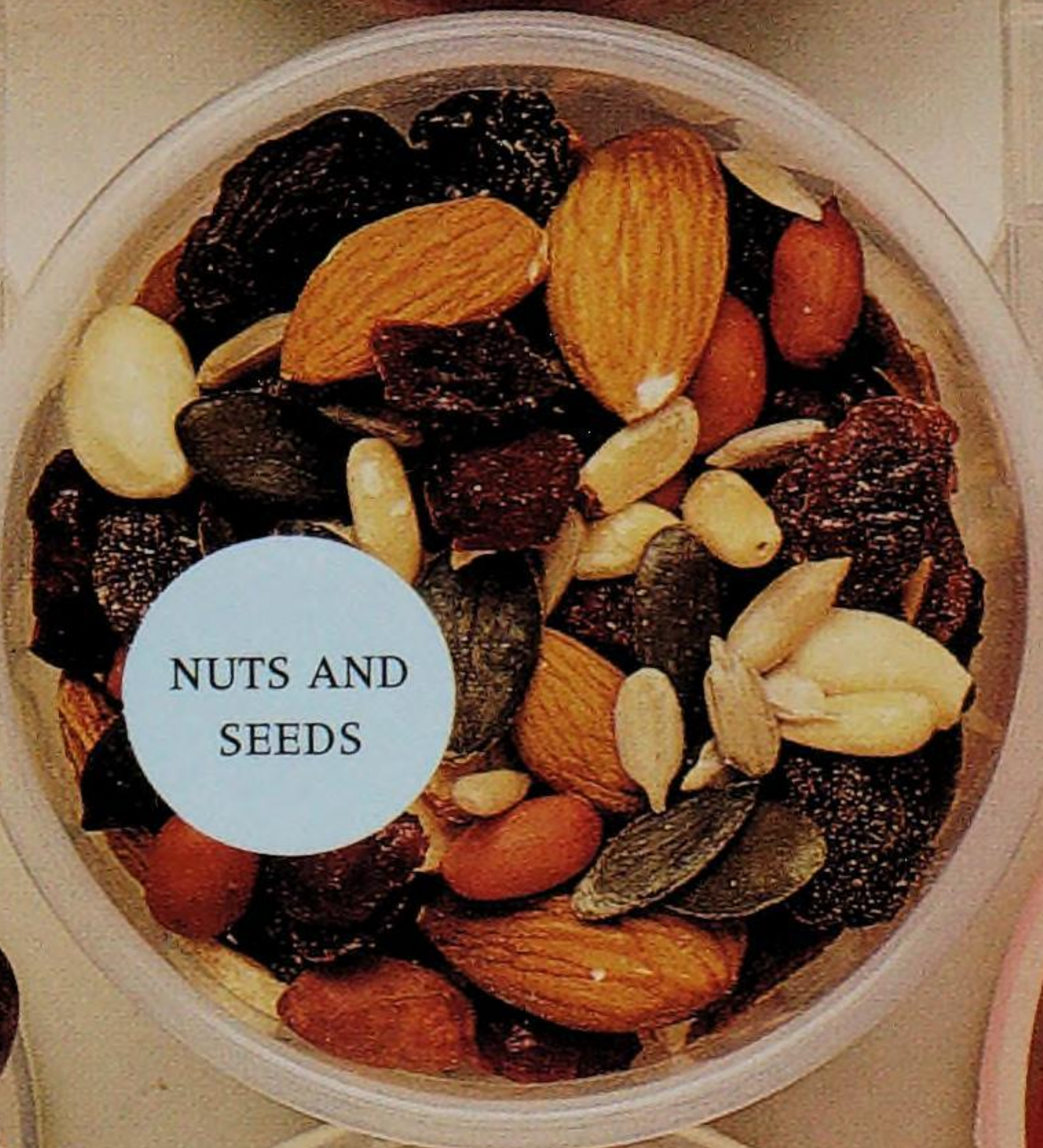
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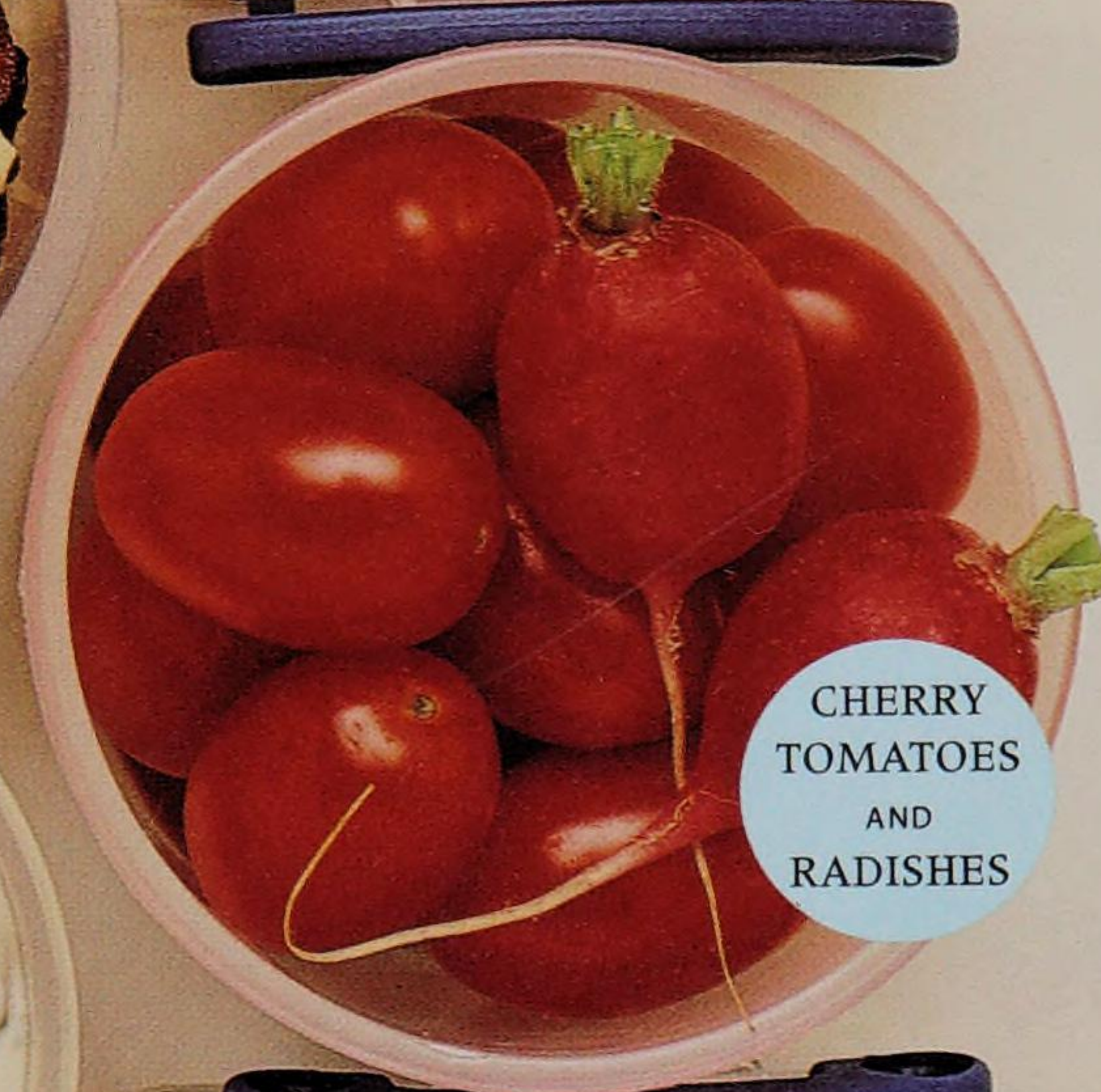
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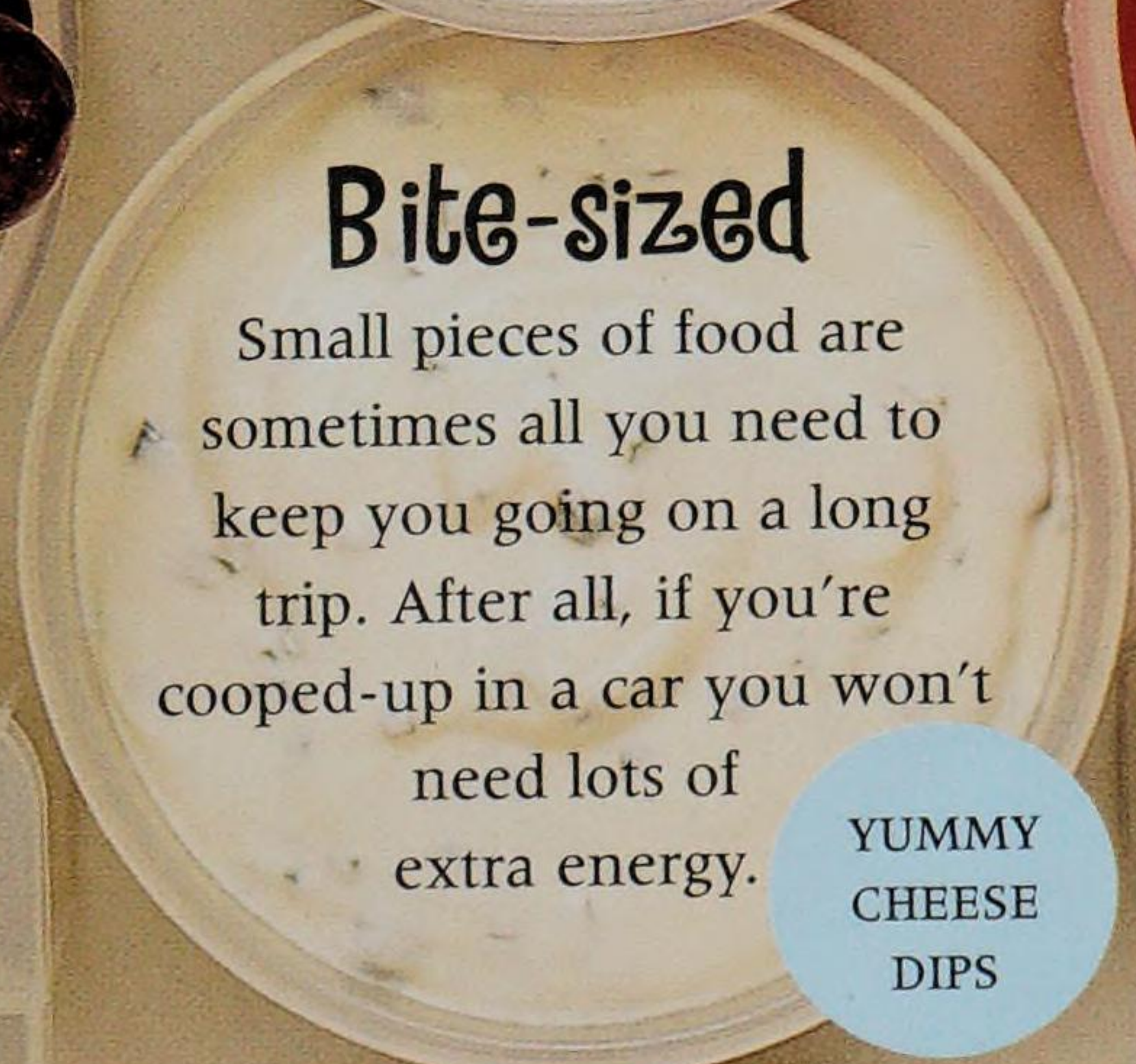
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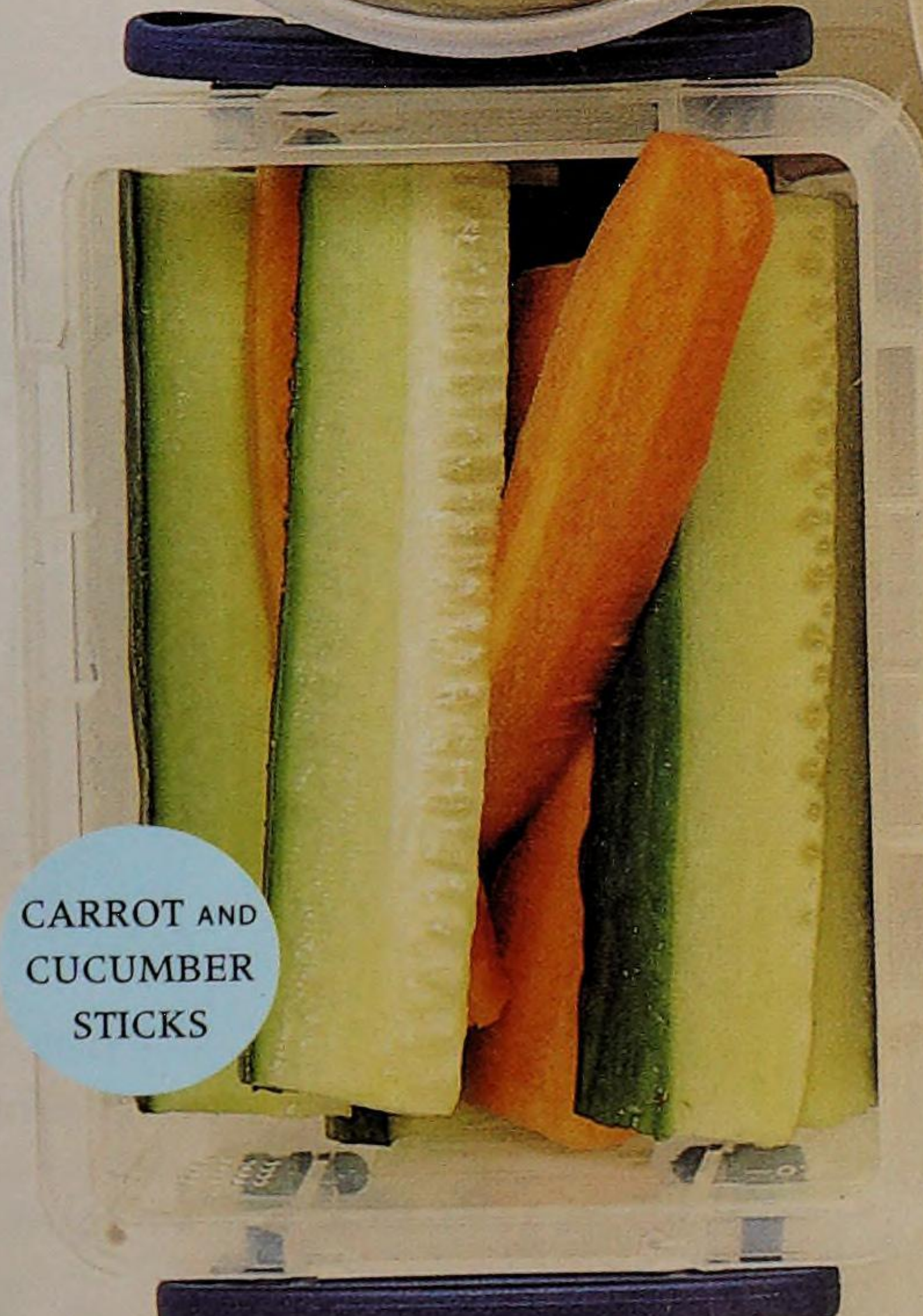
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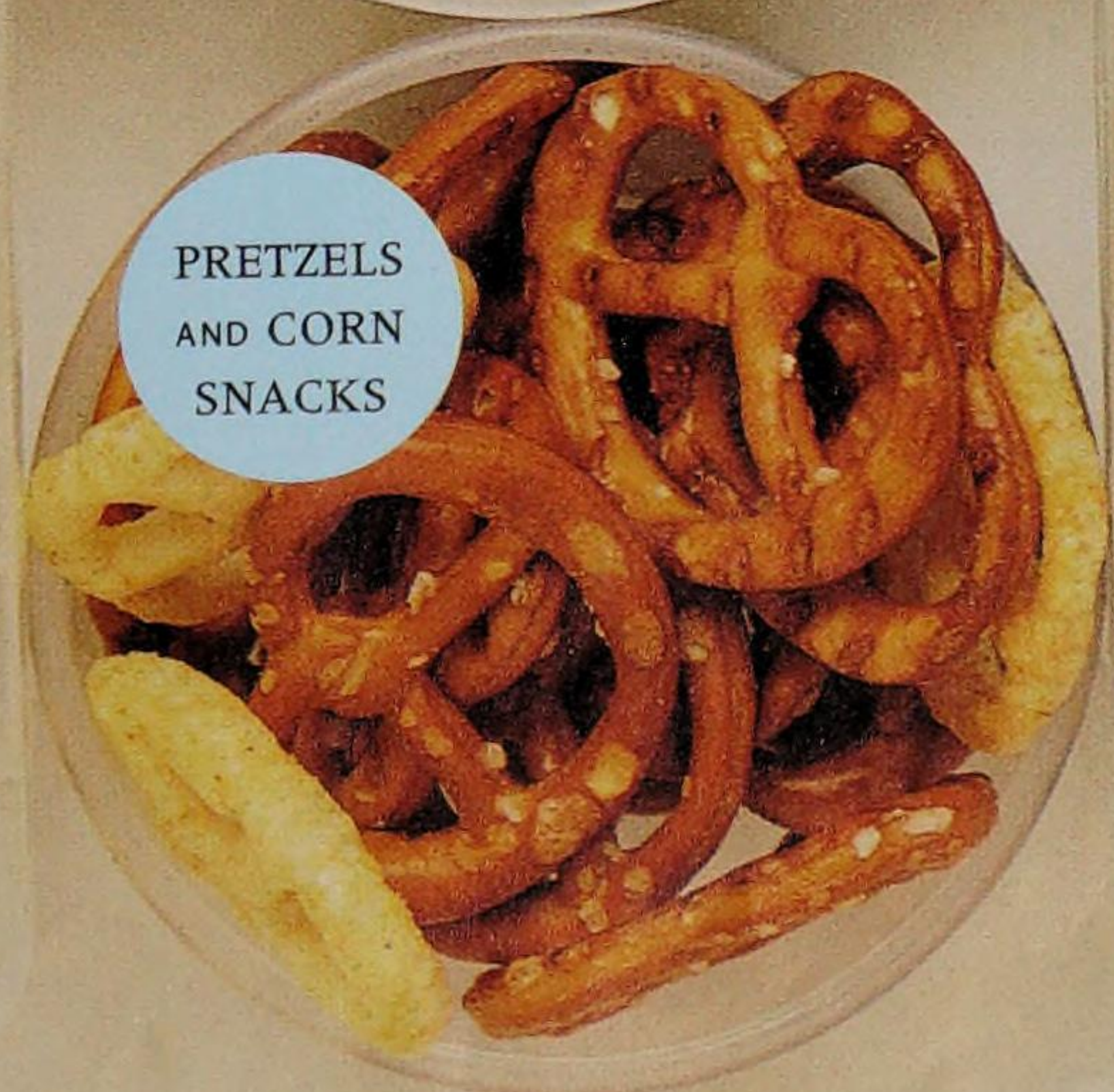
Bite-sized

Small pieces of food are sometimes all you need to keep you going on a long trip. After all, if you're cooped-up in a car you won't need lots of extra energy.

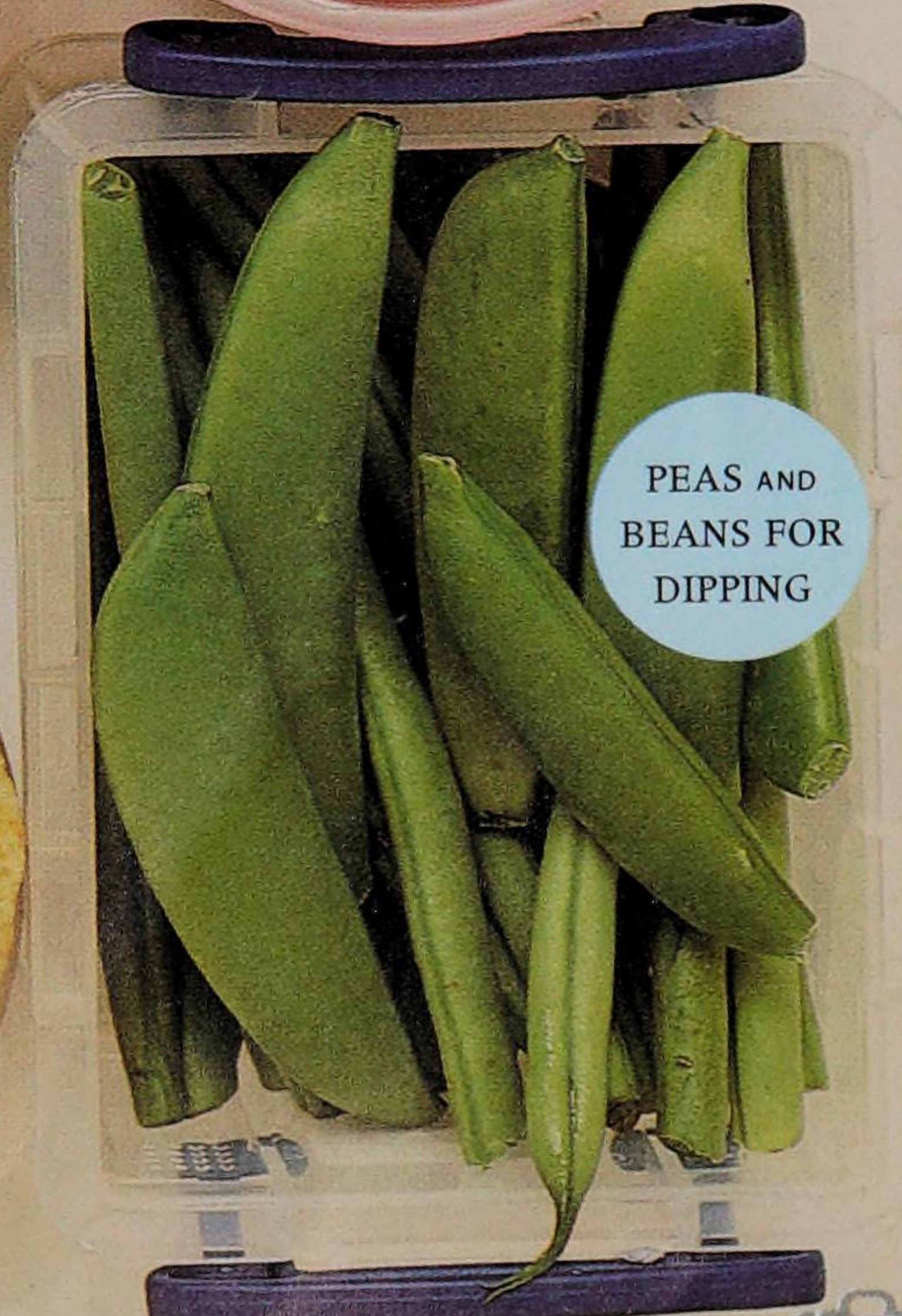
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DIPS



CARROT AND
CUCUMBER
STICKS



PRETZELS
AND CORN
SNACKS



PEAS AND
BEANS FOR
DIPPING

Gingersnaps



Makes 16 cookies

Into a bowl goes:

1 cup (100 g) self-rising flour
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup (40 g) granulated sugar
 1 tsp ground ginger
 1 tsp baking soda
 4 tablespoons
 (50 g) butter

Put all the ingredients into a mixing bowl.

Set the oven to
 375°F, 190°C



Rub it together using your fingertips.

2 tablespoons
 corn syrup or
 honey

Use your hands
 to squeeze the
 mixture into a ball.

1 Rub it together then add the syrup **2** Make a big ball

Travel tubs

Air-tight containers will keep your food fresh throughout a trip and will stop anything from spilling out.



Rough track oat bars



Makes 24 bars

Into a saucepan goes:

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup (50 g) soft brown sugar
 2 tablespoons corn syrup
 or honey
 6 tablespoons
 (75 g) butter

Set the oven to
 375°F, 190°C

Put the sugar, syrup, and butter into a saucepan.

Heat the pan and mix together as the butter melts.

8 oz (200 g)
 rolled oats

Add the oats.

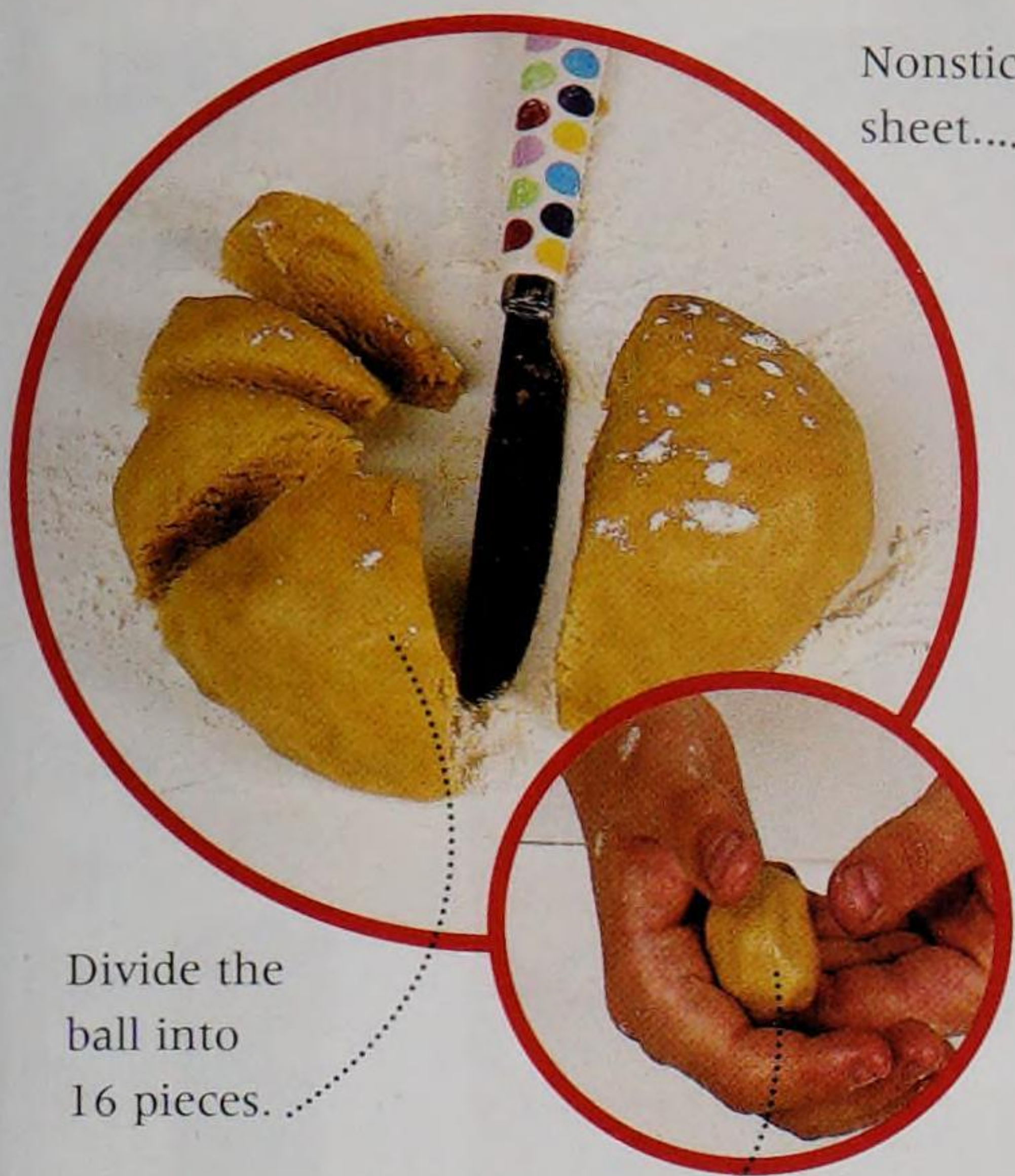
Ask an adult to help with the hot pan.

Keep stirring until the oats are mixed in.

TURN OFF THE HEAT!

1 Melt it down

2 Add the oats



Nonstick cookie sheet.....

Divide the ball into 16 pieces.....

Roll each piece into a ball.....



Place the balls on the cookie sheet and press them down with a fork.



Ask an adult to help with the oven.

Bake for 10–15 minutes

You may need to cook them in two batches. When they are done let them cool down on a rack.

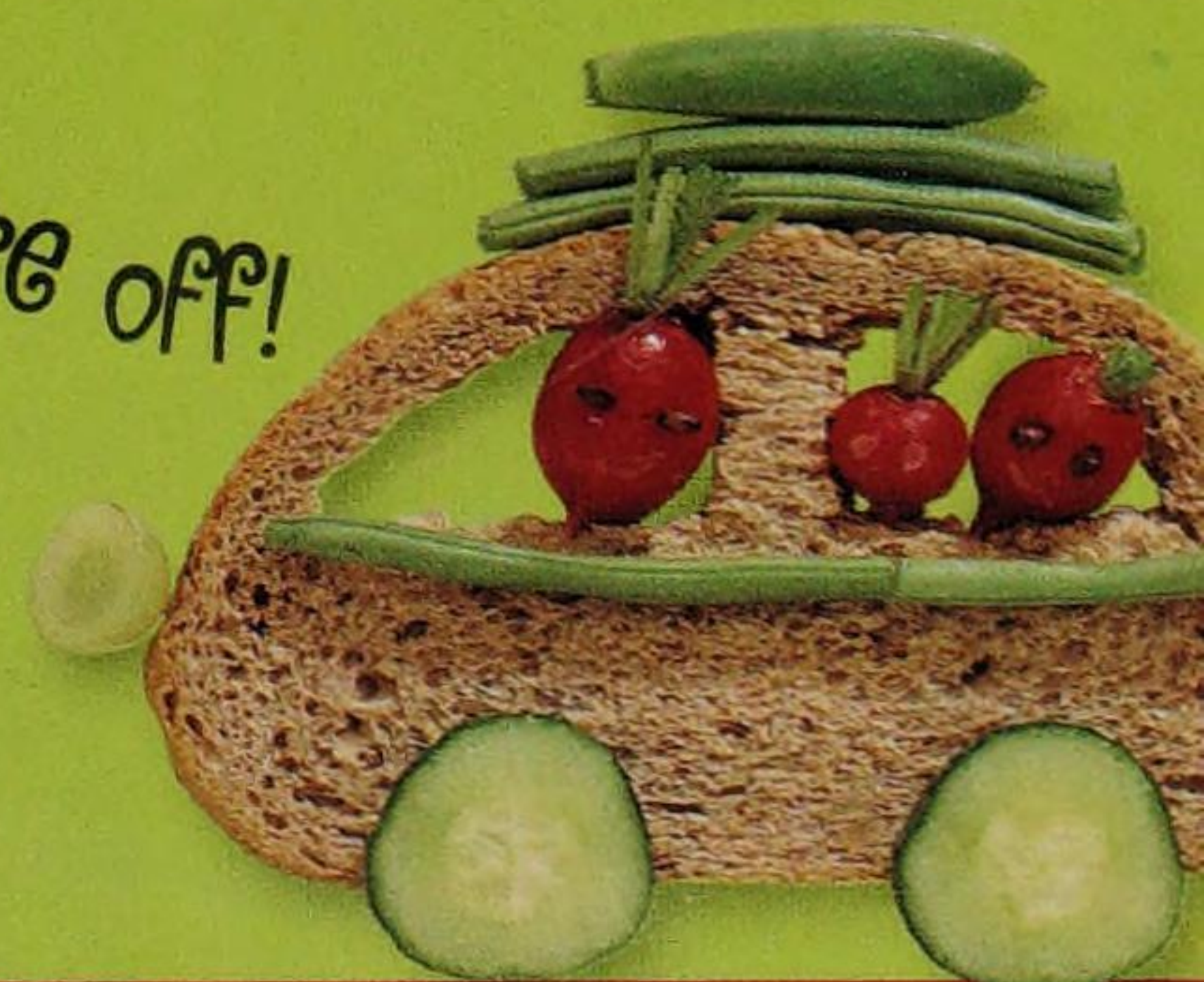
3 Make into small balls

4 Squash them

5 Bake them



Load up the beans, we're off!



Pour into a nonstick baking pan—about 8 x 12 in (20 x 30 cm).



Press the mixture down and out to the edges.....

Use the back of the spoon.



Cut into bars while still slightly warm.

When they have cooled, remove the oat bars.

Ask an adult to help with the oven.

Bake for 20 minutes.

3 Pour into pan

4 Press it down

5 Bake and cut

Crunchy Vacation postcards

Cookie postcard

Bake some yummy shortbread cookies, have fun painting your vacation scenes on them, and give them to a friend.

Ink you can eat!

Use food coloring just like ink to paint your pictures onto your cookies.



Red...



yellow...



green...



blue.

Making the cookies

Makes 8–10 cookies



1½ cups
(150 g)
flour

Set the oven
to 325°F,
170°C



8 tablespoons
(100 g) butter



1 cup
(50 g)
sugar



1 Rub it together

Put all the ingredients in the bowl and rub them together with your fingers until the mixture is crumbly.



Sprinkle flour on the surface to stop it from sticking.

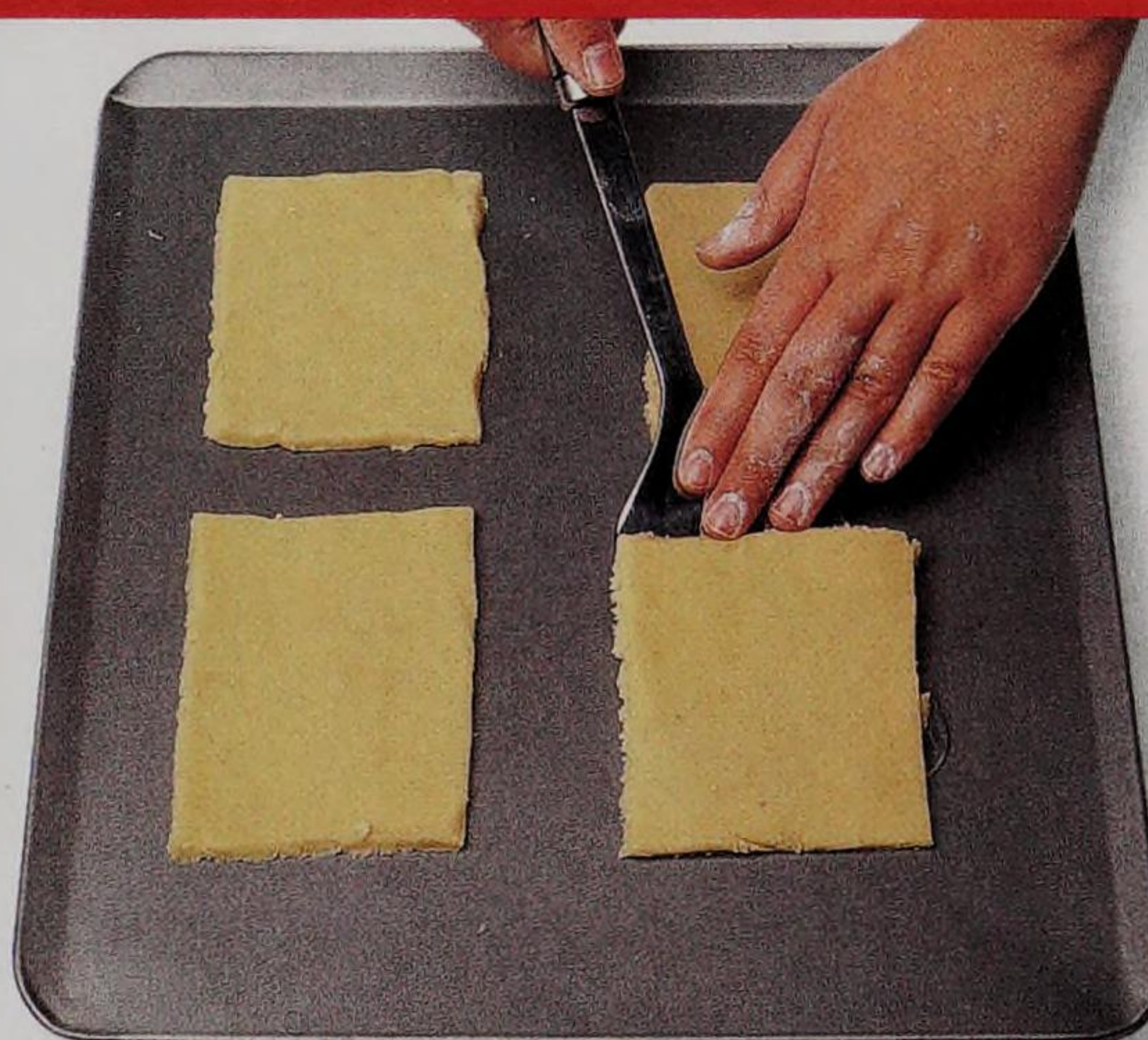
2 Roll it out

Squeeze the mixture into a ball. Sprinkle flour on the table and roll out the dough to ¼ in (5 mm) thick.



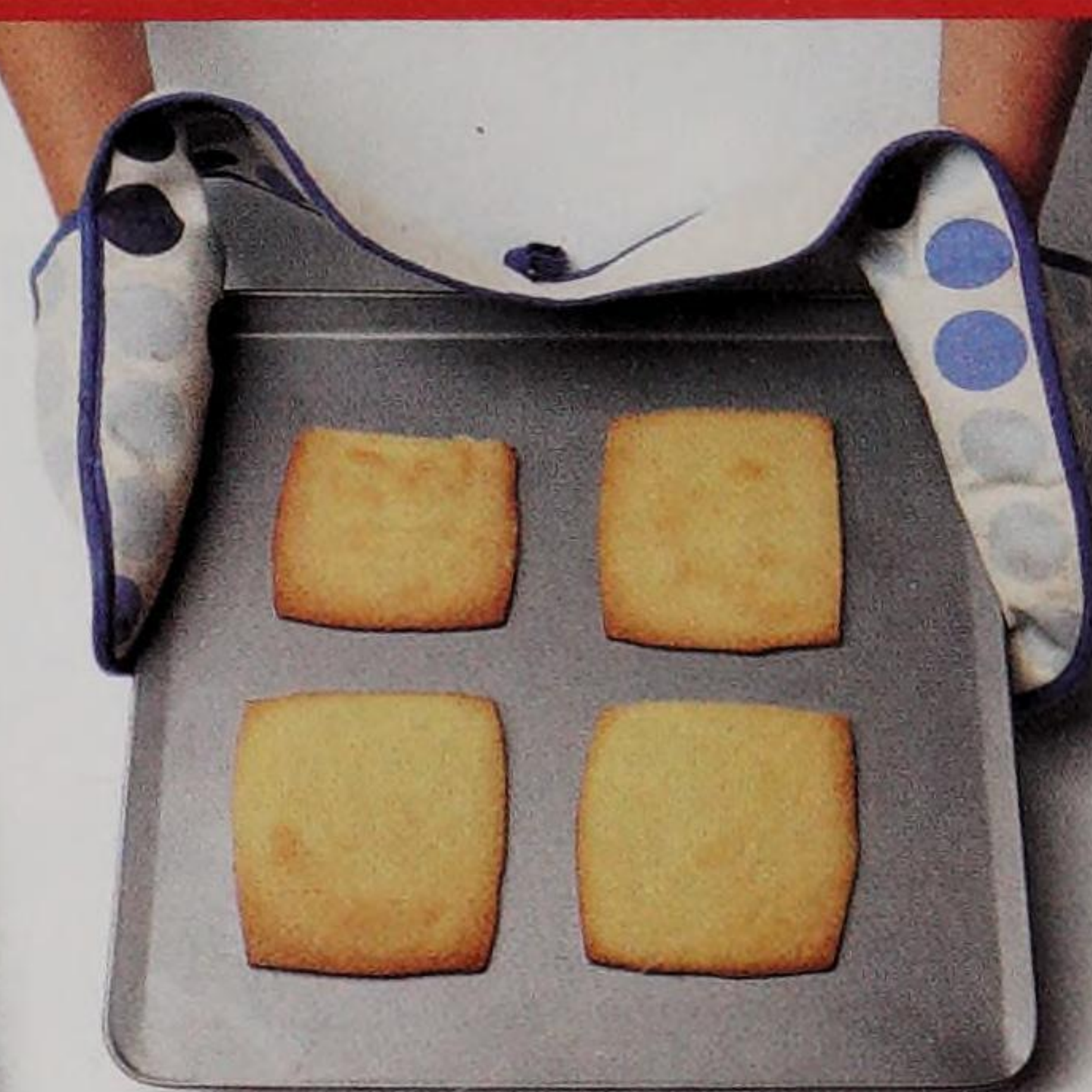
3 Cut into rectangles

Use a knife to cut the dough into rectangles. Collect up the leftovers and roll them out again.



4 Place on the tray

Grease a cookie sheet then carefully transfer the dough onto it. The cookies are now ready for the oven.



5 Bake then cool down

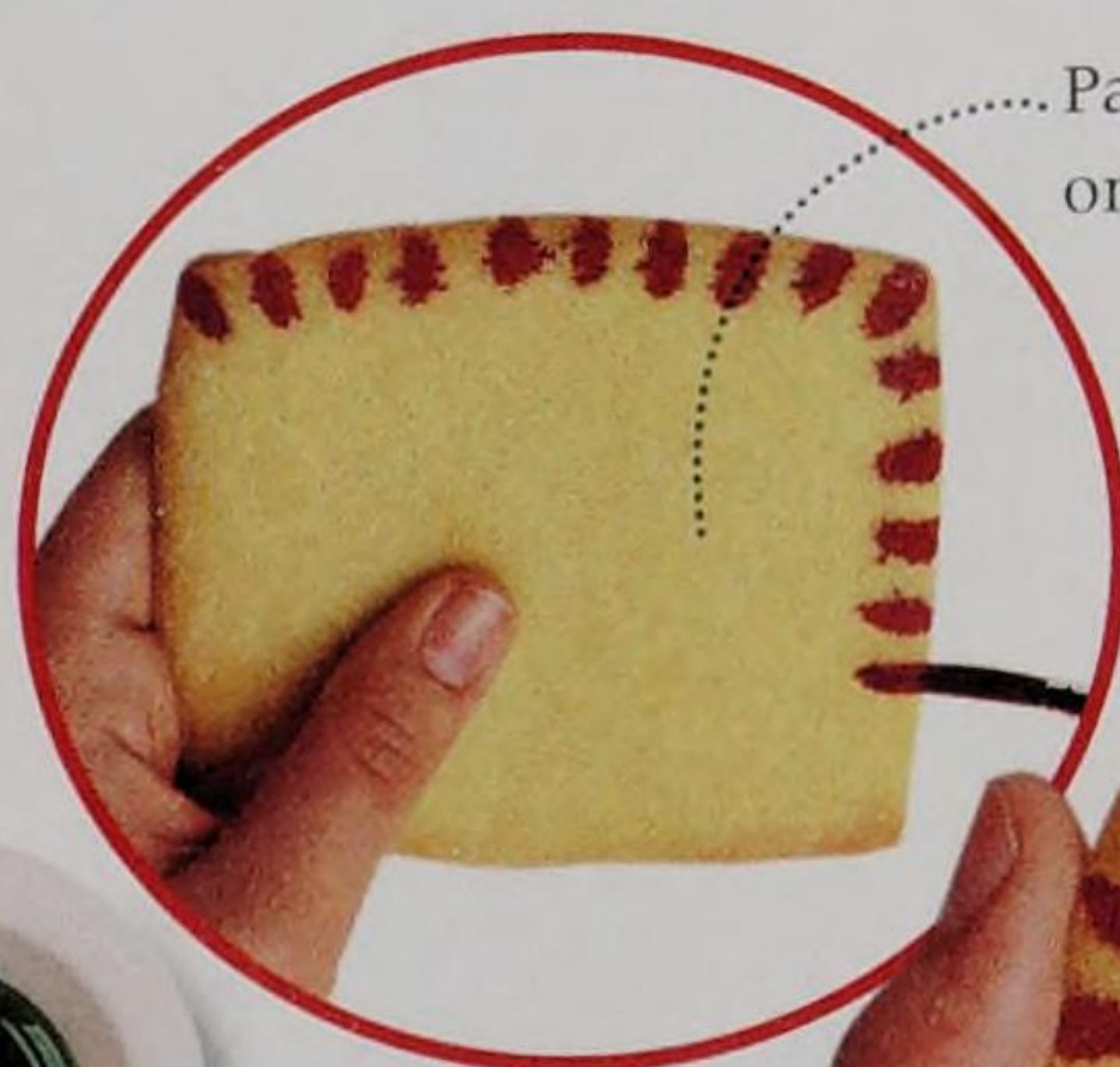
Bake in the oven for 10–15 minutes.

Ask an adult to help with the oven.

Paint your cookies

When the cookies have cooled down they are ready for painting. Remember to keep your brush clean.

Let the cookies cool on a wire rack.



Paint directly onto the cookie.

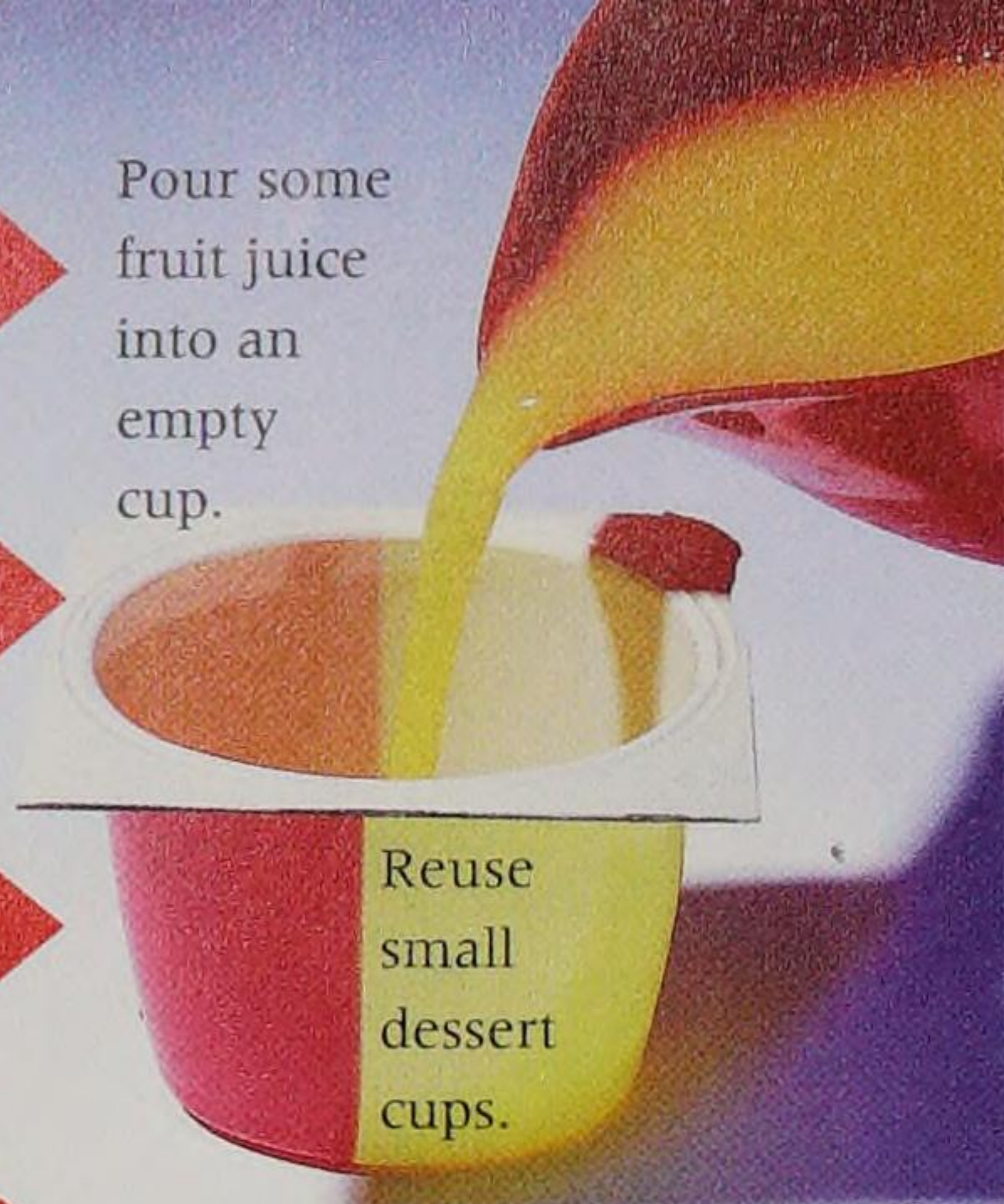


Wish you were here!

Pour drops of food coloring into a palette.

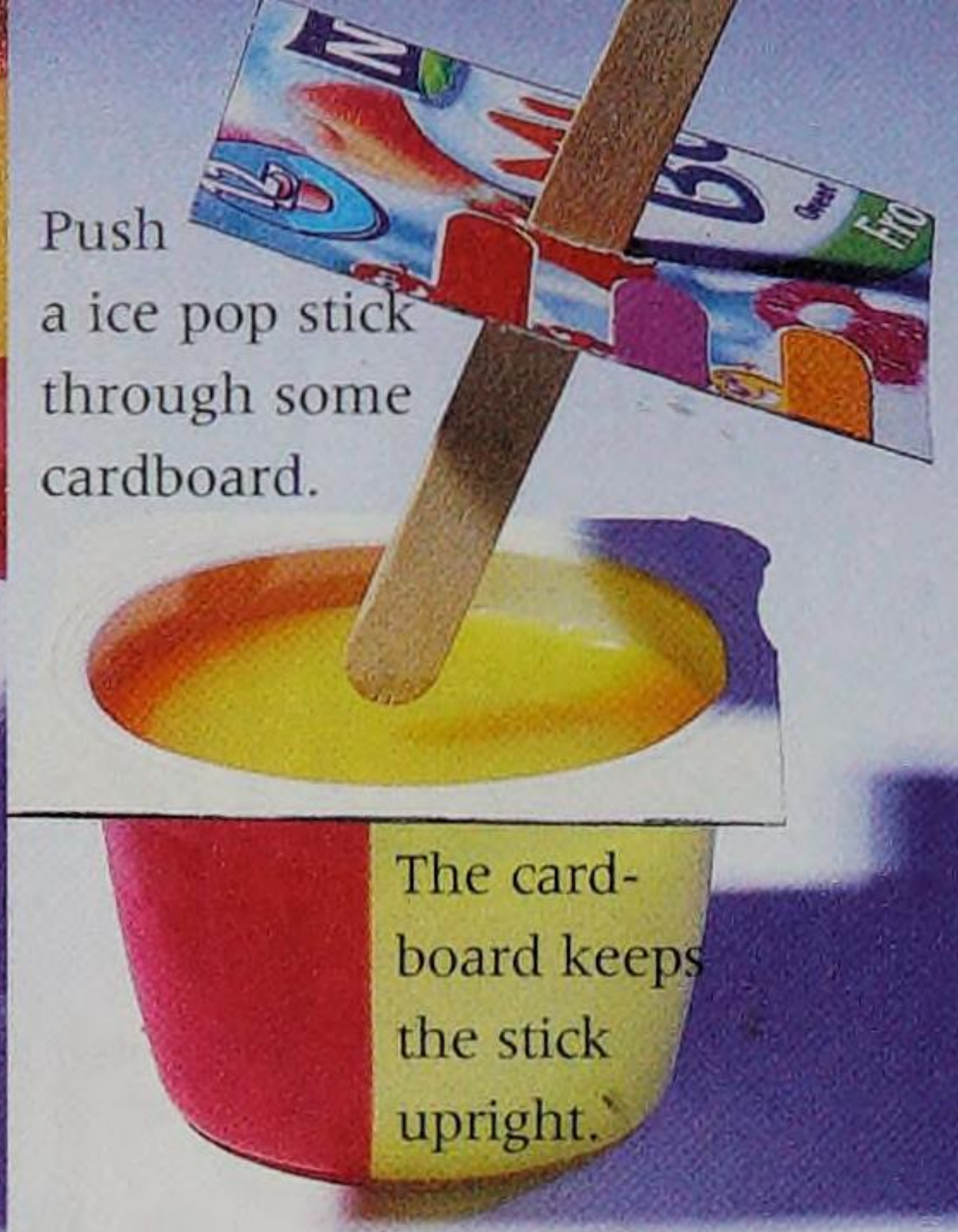
Wash the brush with water each time you change color.

Pour some fruit juice into an empty cup.



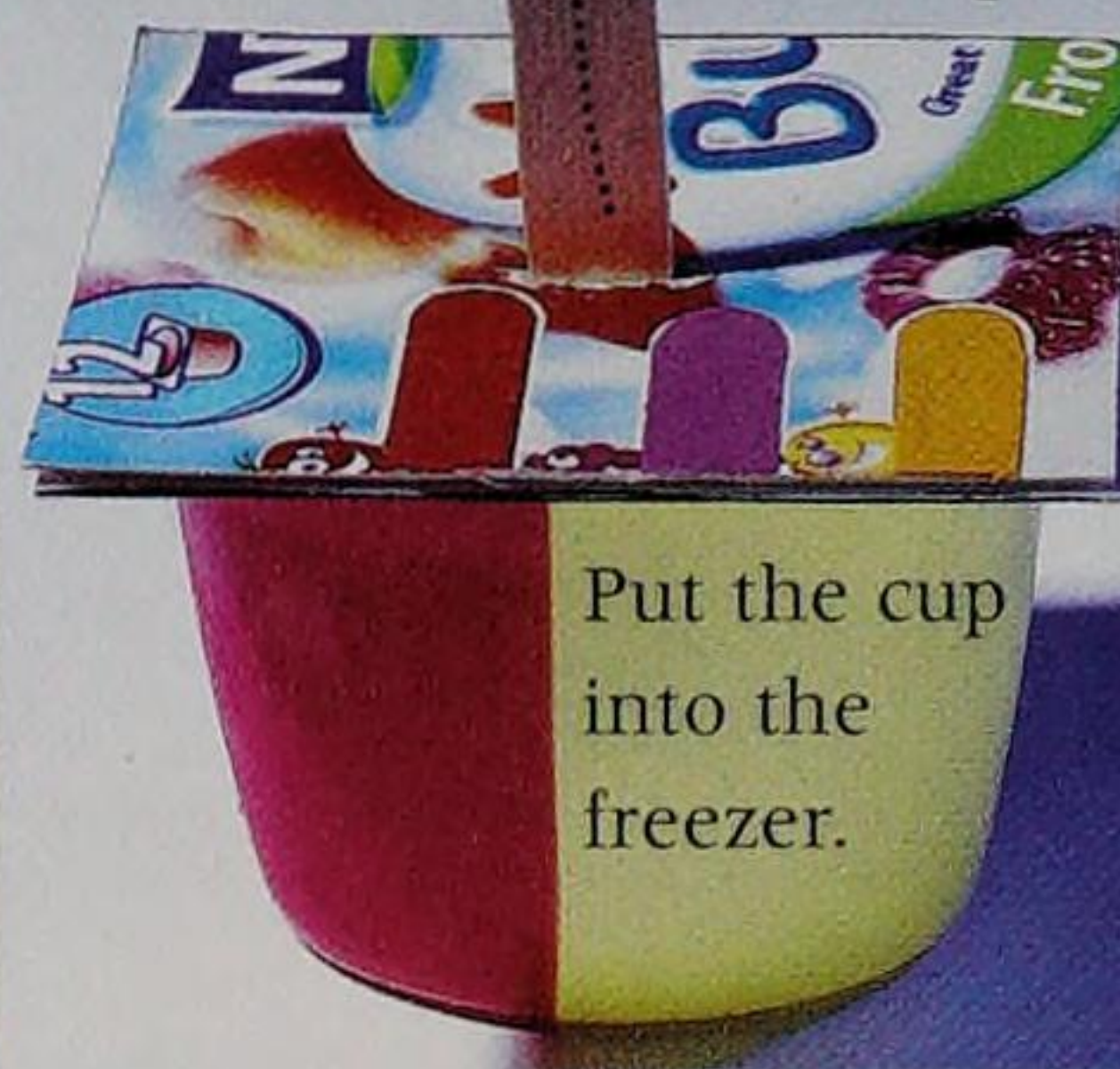
Reuse small dessert cups.

Push a ice pop stick through some cardboard.



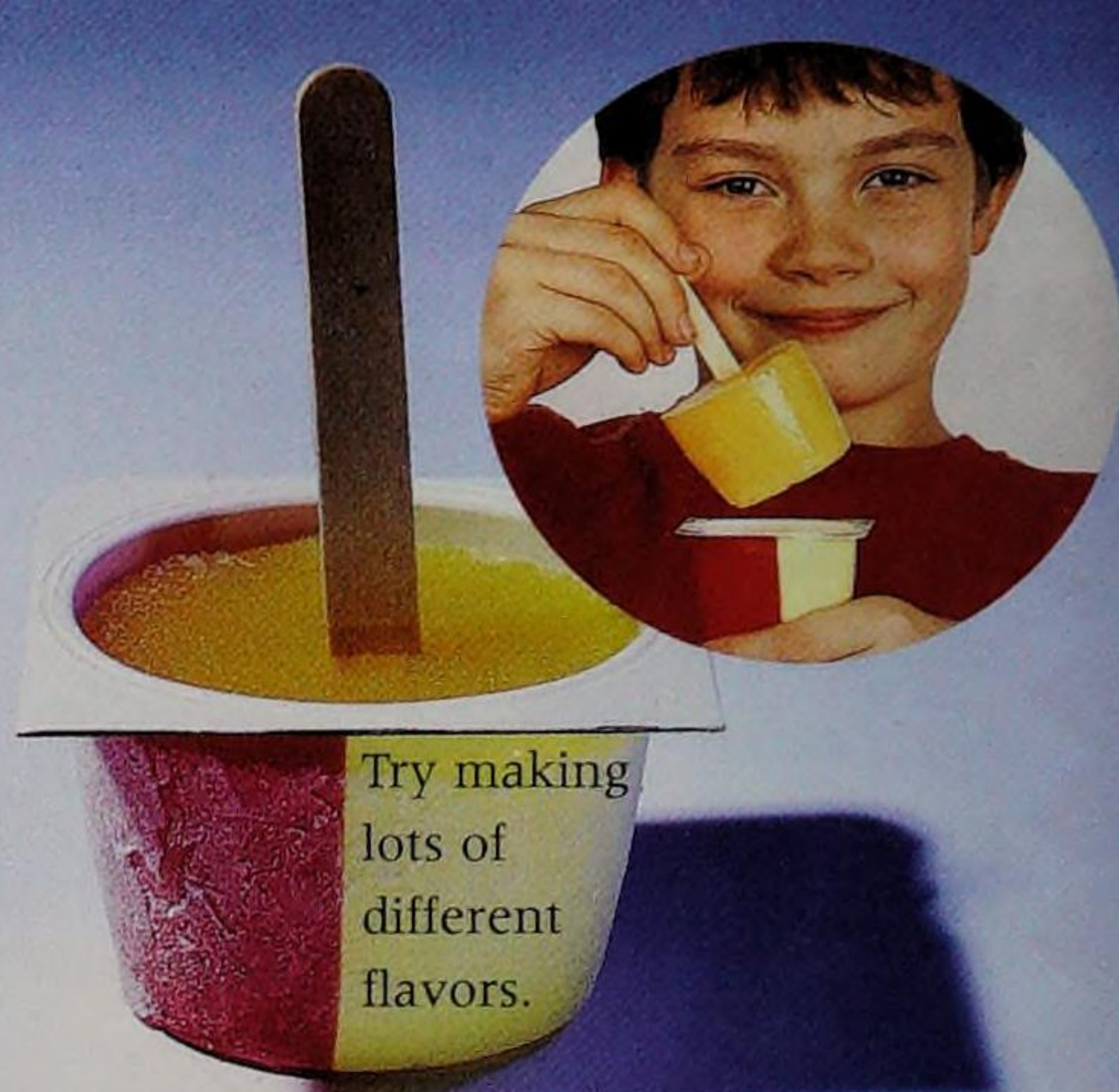
The cardboard keeps the stick upright.

Push the stick to the bottom of the cup.



Put the cup into the freezer.

Try making lots of different flavors.



Drink on a stick

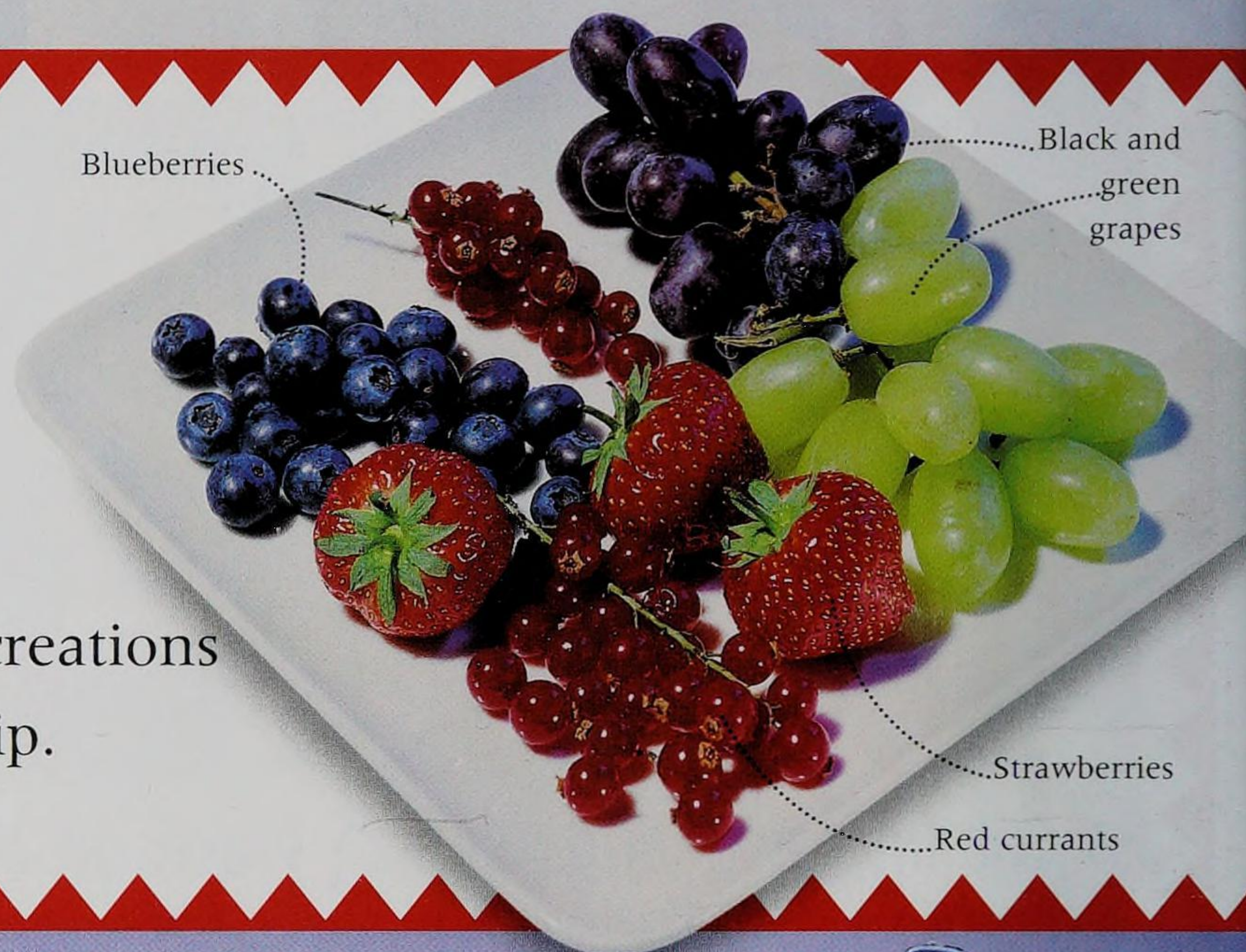
Squeeze and freeze! Buy some fruit juice or squeeze your own, then freeze it into refreshing ice pops.

Be patient, it will take at least six hours to freeze. If you can, leave it overnight.

Take the cardboard off and pull it out of the cup—a delicious ice pop.

Keeping cool

"Phew! It's a hot day. I could use something delicious to cool me down." Look no further—these icy creations are perfect for a hot day or a long trip.



Blueberries

Black and green grapes

Strawberries

Red currants

Lemonade

Plastic spoon

Plastic cup

Put the fruit and a spoon in a plastic cup and fill with lemonade.

Frozen fizzy fruit cups

Use fresh fruit and lemonade for these fizzy fruit ices.

Cut some cardboard to fit the top of the cup.

Push the spoon through a hole in the cardboard.

Carefully put it into the freezer overnight until it's solid.

Fresh fruit

REMEMBER Keep the cardboard on the cup until you are ready to eat the ice.

Keep the cup so when the ice pop melts you can eat the fruit with the spoon.

Cool for long trips

Put a bottle of water or juice in the freezer overnight. Take it out just before your trip and it will keep cool for most of the day.




Make mini fruit cups using small dessert cups and tiny spoons.

Frozen fruit drinks

Buy an atomizer from a drugstore and fill it with fresh water.

Refresh your face.

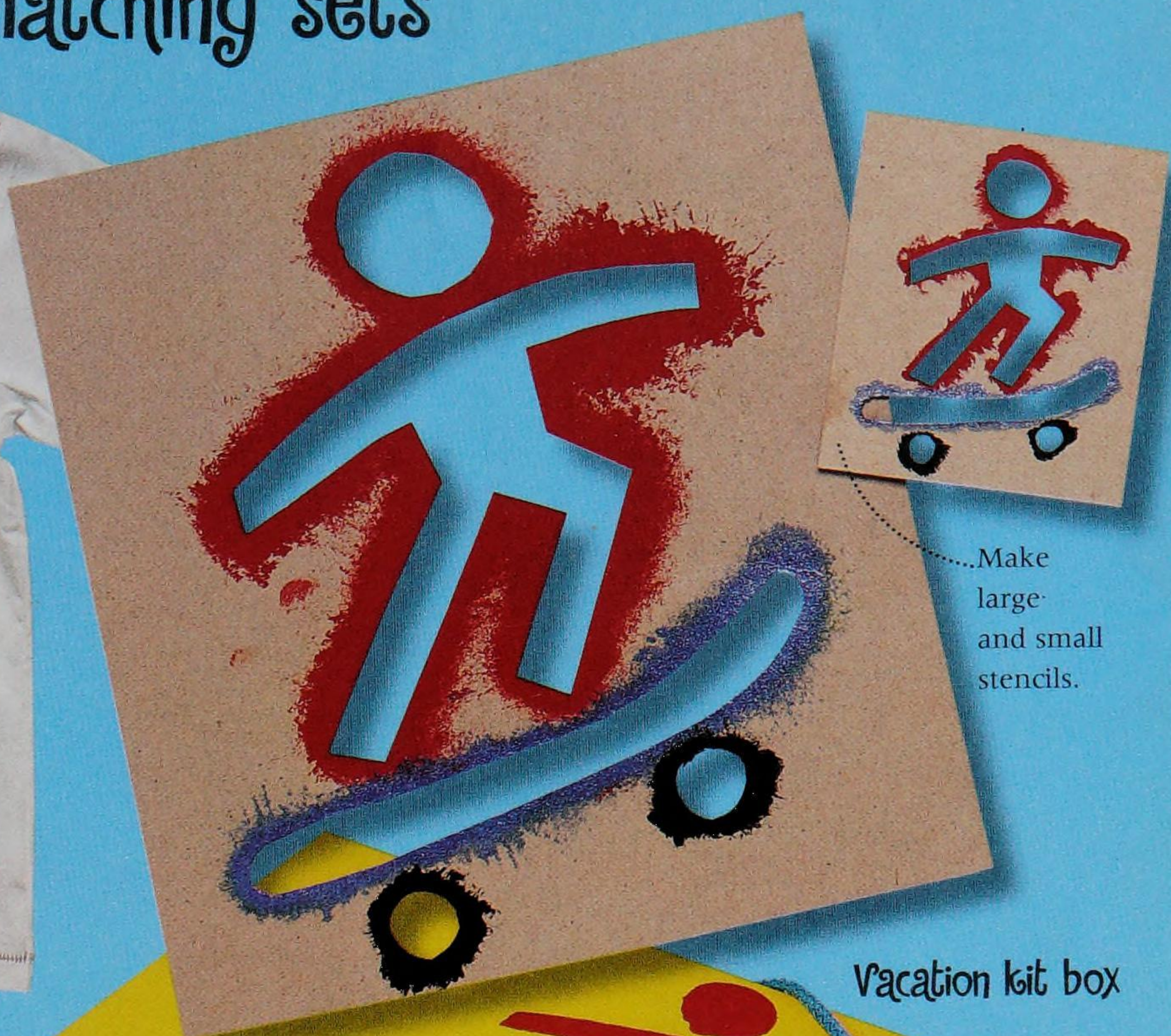


Stencil your style

Personalize your stuff.
Choose a motif, cut out a
stencil, and print, print,
print—it's as easy as that!



Print matching sets



Make large and small stencils.

Vacation kit box



Stencil everything!

Once you have decided on your design, you can stencil lots and lots of things from notebooks and boxes to bags and caps.



Notebook



Backpack



Hat

Use a smaller version of your design.

Keep it simple

The trick to stenciling is to keep the designs very simple. Create your own logo—it could be a vacation theme or your favorite activity.



Prepare your shirt

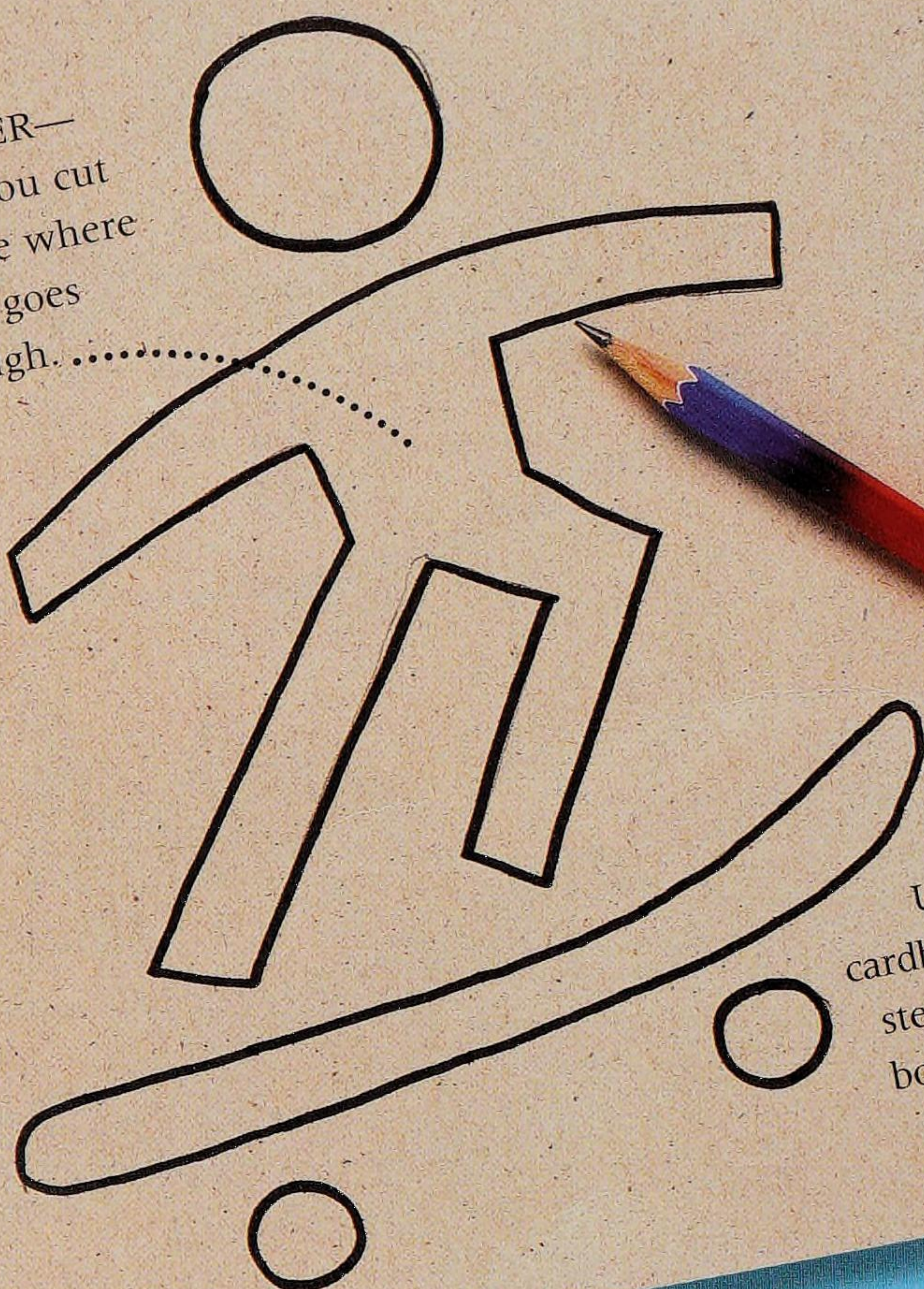
A clean, white shirt will work best because the paint shows up well, but a pale color will work too.

The material needs to be completely flat to get the best print. Put a piece of cardboard inside the shirt to stop it from ruffling up.

Use a stiff piece of cardboard that will fit inside your shirt.

Insert the cardboard right up to the neckline.

REMEMBER—whatever you cut away will be where the ink goes through.



Use thin cardboard for the stencil; cereal-box cardboard works well.

Design your stencil

Keep the image simple

Use the piece of stencil cardboard to draw on your design. Bold simple shapes work best—they are easier to cut out and paint through. Stencils look better if you have more than one cutout in the design. This way you can use more colors too.

Paint your design

Fabric paints are the best to use—they work like ordinary paints but will not wash out when you clean your clothes. Follow the makers' instructions on the jars.

If you can't get fabric paints, you could use acrylic paints instead.

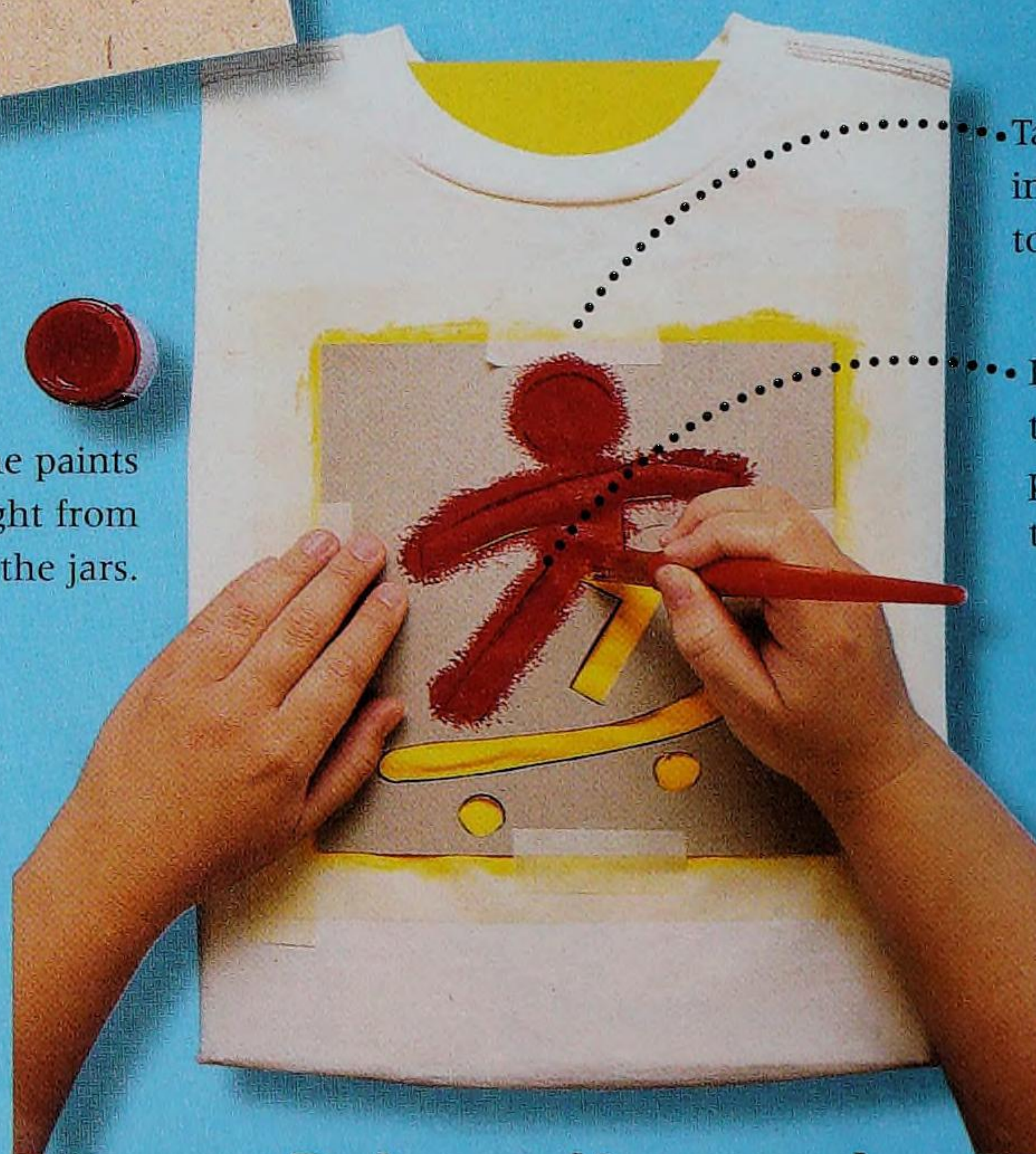
Use the paints straight from the jars.

Tape your stencil in place at the top and bottom.

Don't put too much paint on the brush.



Paintbrush with hard bristles



Dab on the paint



Fold the shirt around the cardboard and tape in place.



Cut out another piece of cardboard and use it as a template to mark out the background of the design. Put tape around the edges of the cardboard, then remove it.



Make a background

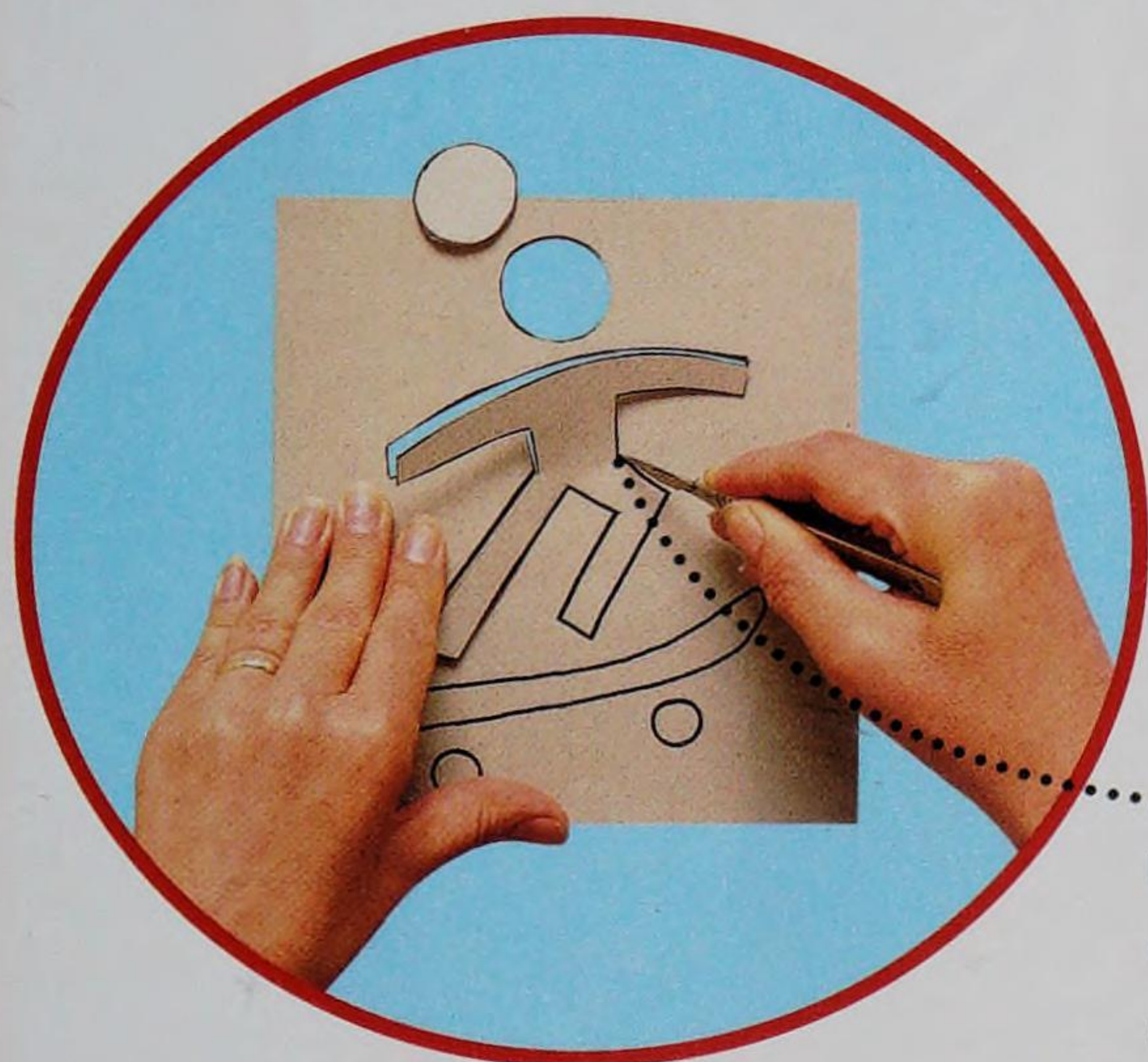


Paint a color within the tape.



Leave it to dry.

Add the color



...Ask an adult to help you cut out the design.

Little and large

Make smaller stencils for caps or notebooks.



Paint all the colors before you remove the stencil.



Remove the stencil and allow the paint to dry.

Peel back the stencil



Iron over the pattern to fix the paint—follow the instructions on the paint jar.

Ask an adult to help with ironing.

Ready to go!



Ted's on tour

Your favorite toys can take a trip too.
Set them up with their own vacation kit.

I'm Ted
look after me



Ted at the beach

Search through your
stuff for things that are
Ted's size.

Wash cloth

Toy
boat

Ted's own
magazine

Small plastic container
for orange juice

Paper parasol

This tiny toy
camera was
on a keyring.

Smile please!

Here is a great way for
you to record your
trips. Take a photo
of a favorite toy
enjoying what you
are enjoying.



Ted's passport

Ted needs a passport to
go on vacation. Fill in his
personal details and add
some pictures to show
what he's been up to.



Ted's ID cardboard

ID cover

ID inside page

1 Take two pieces of cardboard. Fold them in half and glue the white cardboard inside the cover.

2 Take Ted to have his photo taken.

3 Design a symbol for the front cover and glue it place.

Use colored paper for the design.



TED'S ACTIVITIES

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| | |

OFFICIAL

NAME Ted

PLACE MADE wooltown

DATE KNITTED 10/10/06

HEIGHT 12 in. (30 cm)

SPECIAL FEATURES one slipped stitch

4 Fill in Ted's details and use stickers or draw where he has been.

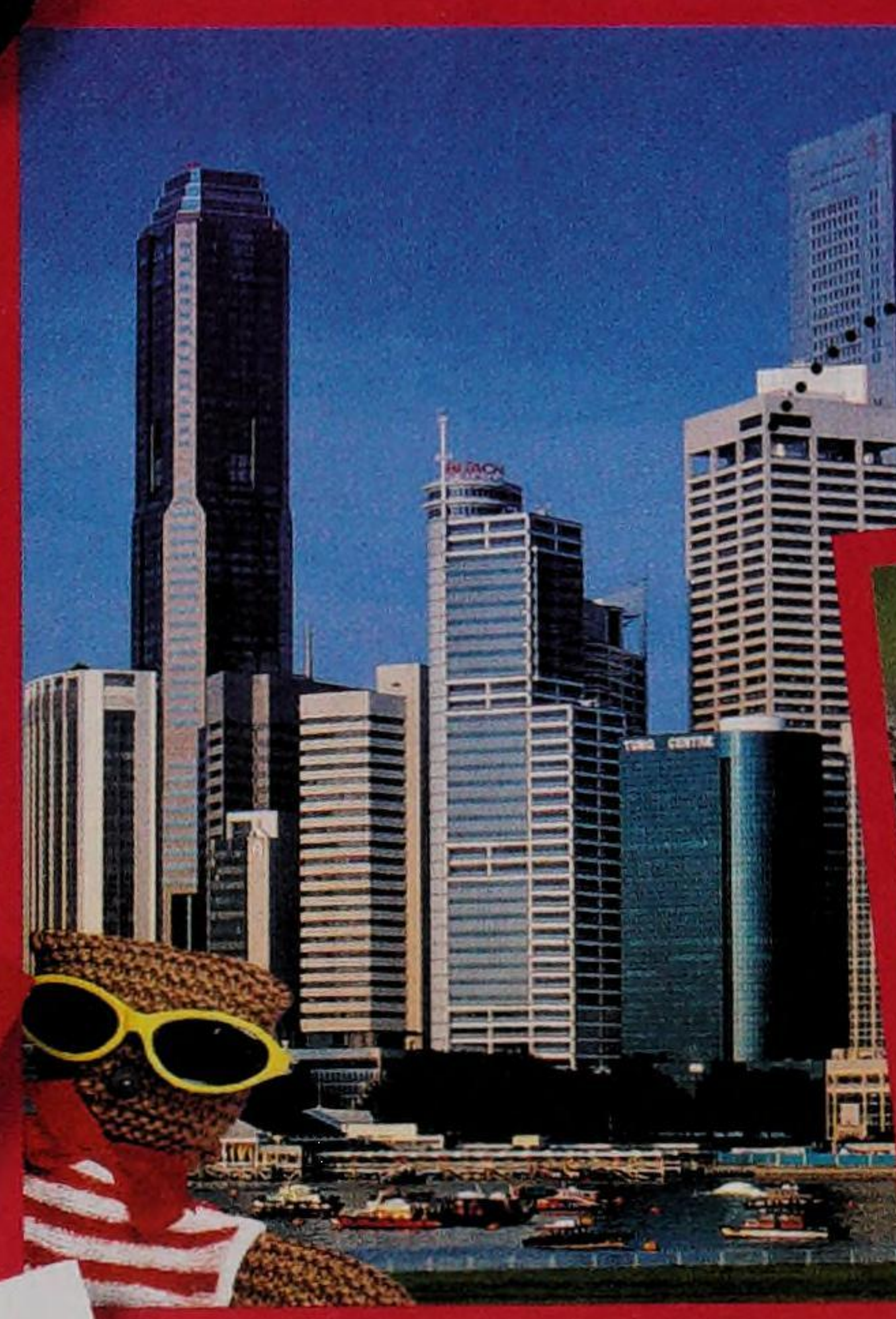


.....Out and about

A day at the beach



.....A trip to the city

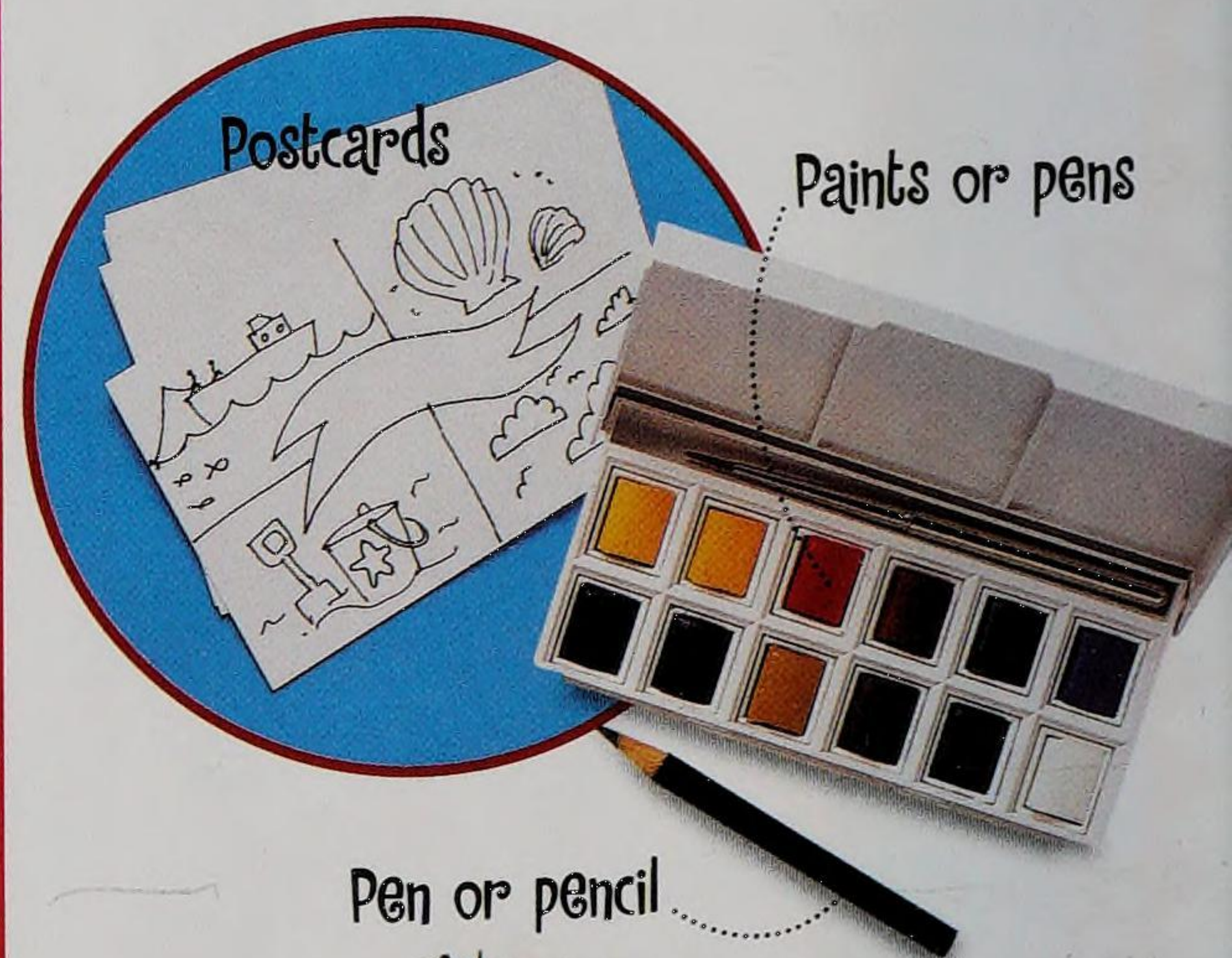


Ted's album

Wherever you are, take a picture of Ted enjoying the scenery, having a meal, relaxing on the beach, or on the road. It's a different way of recording your trip too.

Wish you were here!

I'm having a great time!
Make your friends envious
by sending them a postcard
you've drawn yourself.



To Grandma
The house
up the street
Back home

Stamp
goes
here

King of the
castle

We went here!



To make your card

Take a blank postcard from your
kit, draw a picture in pen or
pencil, then color it in
using paints or crayons.

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Hi!

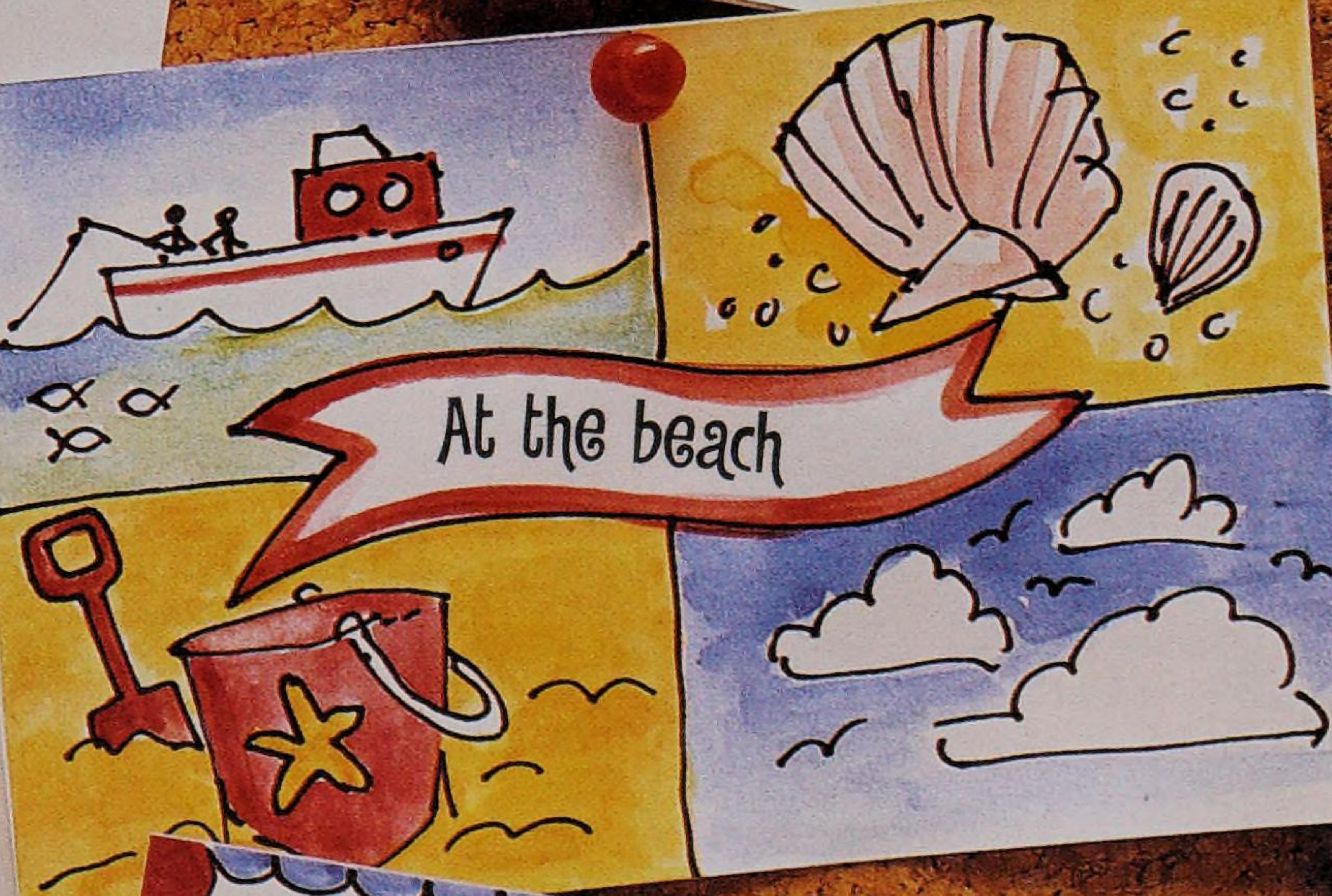
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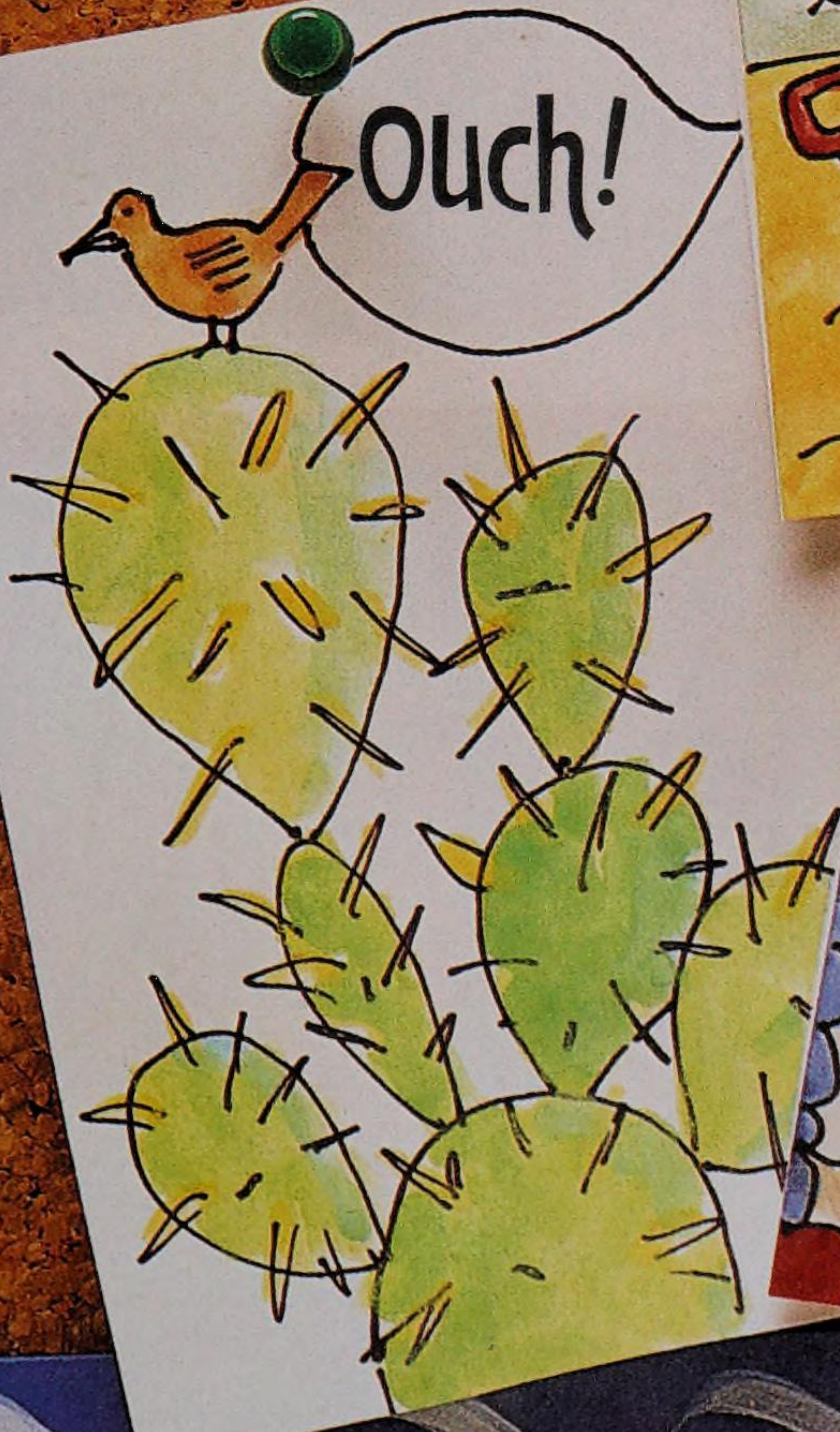
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At the beach

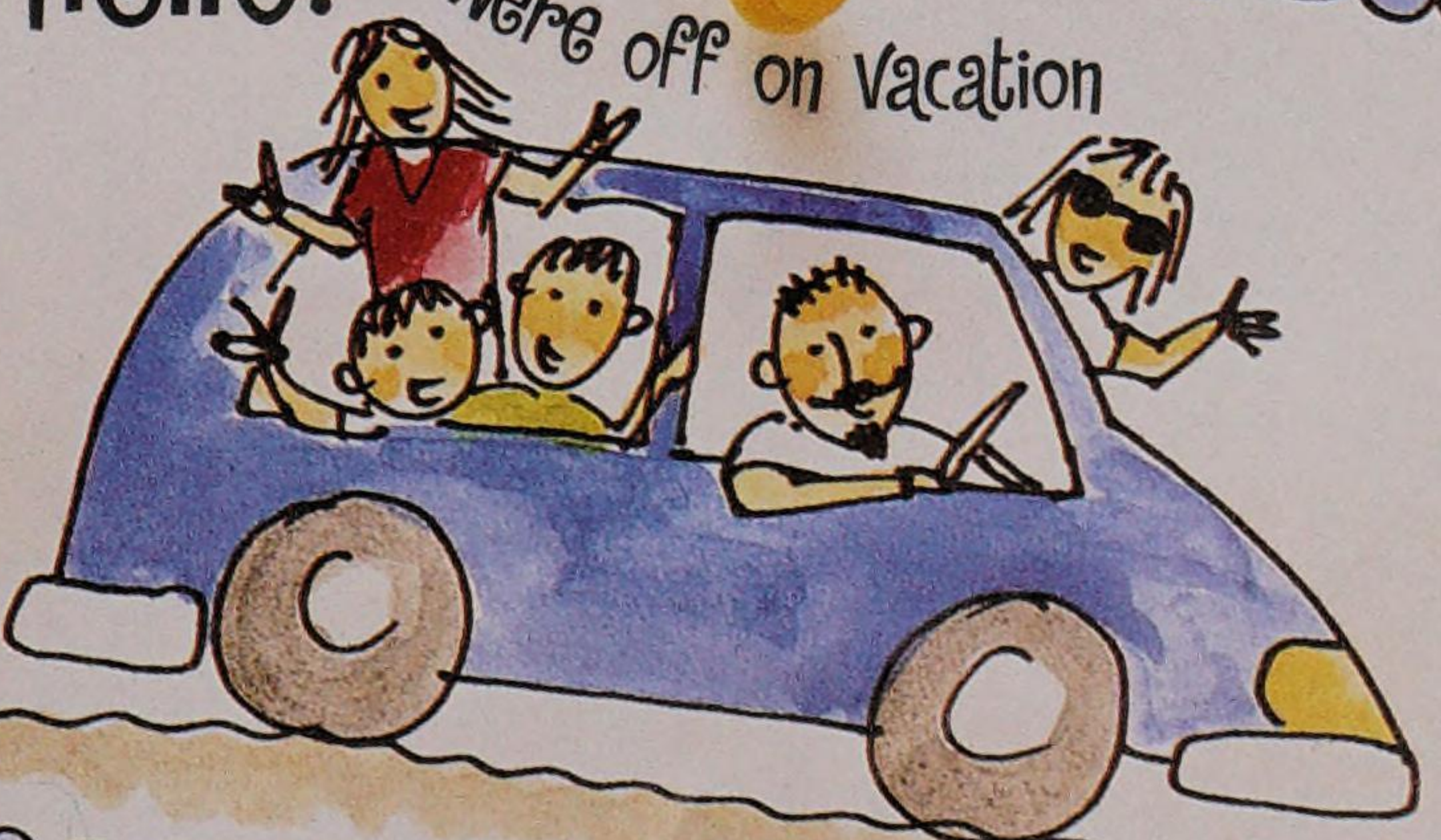


Ouch!



Hello!

We're off on vacation

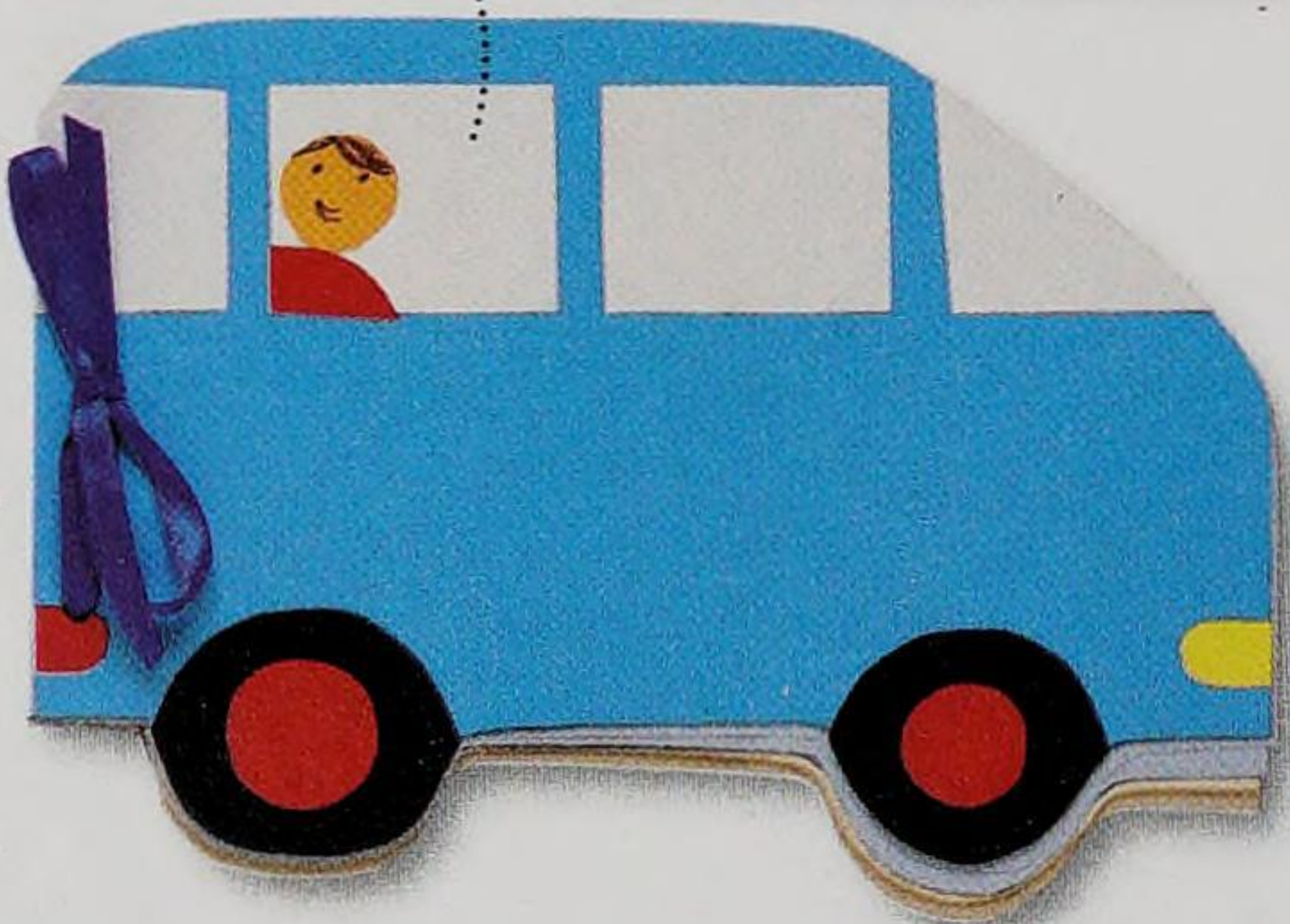




A book for
the beach

A book
for a
road trip

A book for
a museum
trip



My Vacation

Pack a suitcase book with
all your vacation memories.



Suitcase diary

This suitcase diary is perfect to store
your vacation memories in. You can
fill it with photos, tickets, and
any other souvenirs.

Cover the cardboard
with colored paper.

Glue one handle to
each piece of
cardboard.

To make the covers,
cut out two pieces of
cardboard from cereal
boxes.

Draw two handles
on a piece of paper.

Glue the paper to
pieces of card-
board and cut out.

Punch two holes in the
bottom of the cardboard.



Tickets and tags

Save everything!

Wherever you go collect your tickets, tags, and momentos to paste in your book.

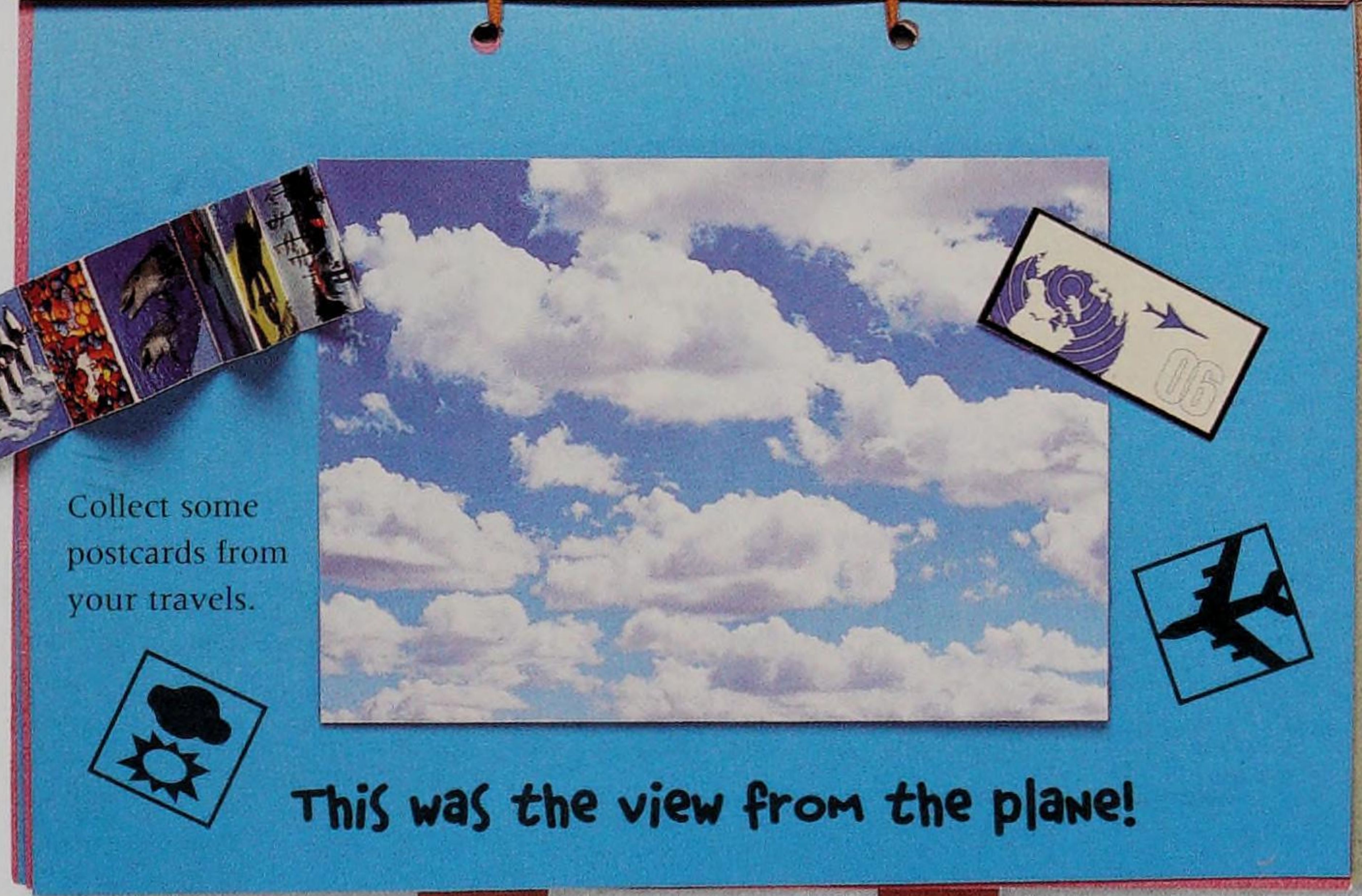


Snapshots

Take photos of your visits and glue them in. You could create a photo story of your day.



Collect leaflets from places you have visited and cut out the pictures.



Cut out pieces of colored paper the same size as the cover.

Cut triangles of paper to paste to the corners of the book.

Punch two holes in the bottom of all the pieces of colored paper. Slip the paper between the two covers.

Thread string or ribbon through the holes and tie a bow.

Your suitcase is ready to pack!

Decorate your shell book with glitter and goggle eyes.

Stick in favorite shells and pebbles.

My beach vacation

Save some sand in a bag and stick it in.

Sparkly ribbon

How to shape a book

A book doesn't have to be book-shaped: it can be any shape you like! Think about what kind of vacation you will have and design a shape that suits the trip. Use the instructions on page 28 to make the book, but change the shape.

Drawing pictures
Save some of your home-made postcards to paste in your book.

Draw pictures of yourself and your family and put them in the window of your car.

My road trip

Let's go!

How are you traveling on your vacation? Why not design a car book, plane book, or boat book?

Copy the shape of your own car.

Book-o-saurus

"We went to a dinosaur museum and we saw a..."

Perhaps you are going to make a special trip on your vacation that will give you the shape of your book.

Decorate the cover as a dinosaur face.

My visit to the dinosaurs

Pick up a souvenir pencil...
...to fill in all the facts!

Include your ticket, a map, and leaflets from your day.

Today I saw the...

Write a description of what you see, sketch pictures, and collect some facts and figures along the way.

biggest
smallest
longest
most ferocious


Cut out pictures from papers and magazines.

Draw pictures of things you have seen on your trip.

Dear diary

Why not try writing a diary of your whole vacation? Fill it in at the end of each day. Tell your diary what you have done that day, what you ate, and any exciting events.

Fill in a new page each day.



Nature walk

off for a stroll?

Collect as you go! You'll be amazed what you can do with a good nature collection. Keep an eye out for leaves, seeds, and a bird's feather or two.

Superbug collection

Create your very own collection of creepy crawlies. Butterflies with flapping wings and tiny beetles with nutshell wing cases, all held together on clay bodies.



Nature bugs

Lay out the things you've collected. Are you inspired by any of the shapes?



How to make a nutty bug

Add cherry-stalk legs.

Roll out a clay head and body.

Give it a nutshell back and wings.

Tape the ends together.

The Green King head-dress

How to make a leafy crown.



Tape lots of leaves to the cardboard.



Cut out a piece of cardboard that will fit around your head, with extra length to attach the ends.



Wise owl eyes

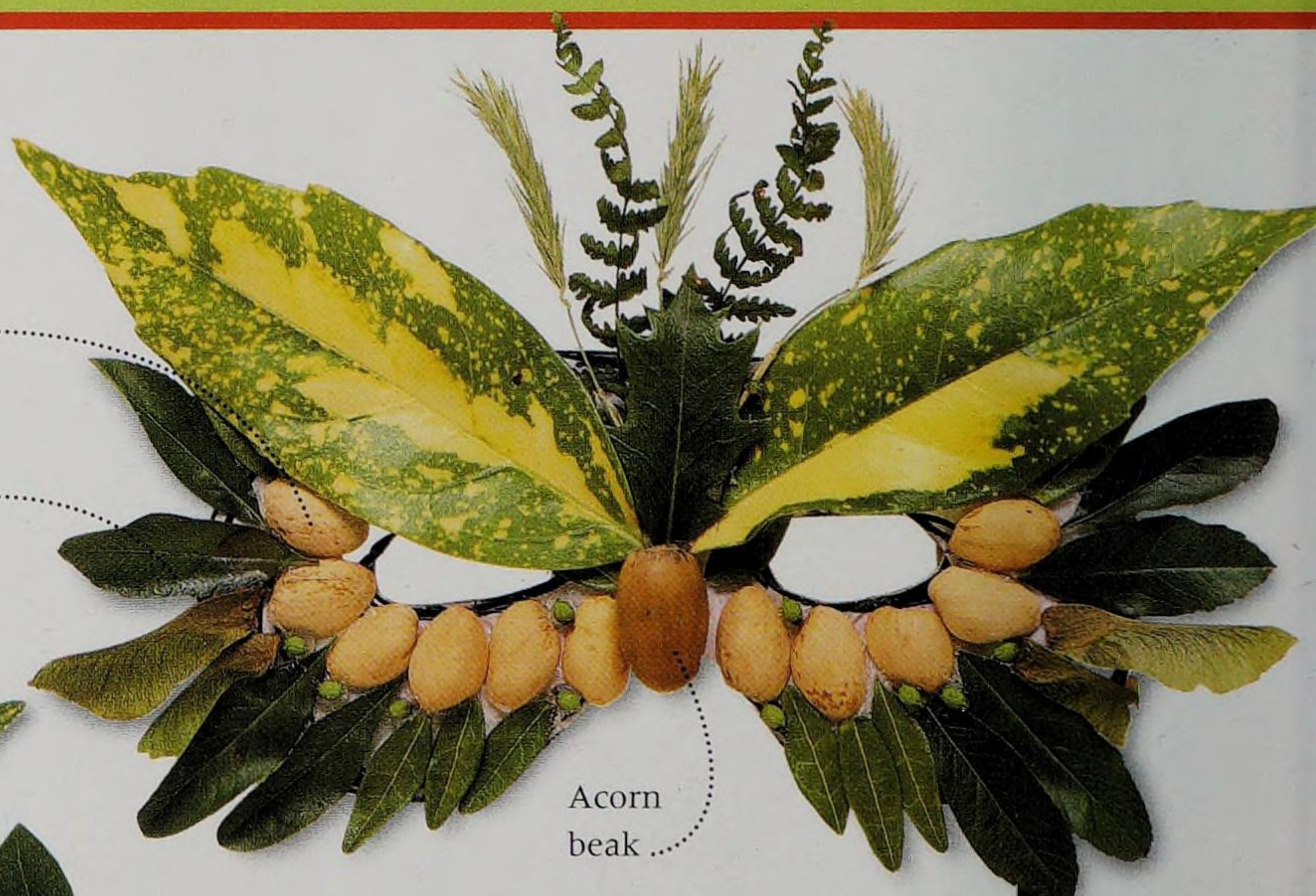
How to make a leafy mask.



Draw a mask shape onto a piece of thin cardboard, making sure that the eye holes are the same width apart as your eyes.

Nutshells

Smaller leaves make a border.....



Acorn beak

Cut out the mask.....

Use strong glue to stick leaves to the mask shape.....

Tape a plant stake to the back of the mask.....

The stake will allow you to hold the mask up to your face.





Always remember to take a bag with you on a nature walk to put the collection in.

A fancy frame

Make a natural frame to show off a painting or photograph.

Cut a frame out of cardboard that has thick enough edges to glue on your nature collection.

Ask an adult to help cut out the frame.

Use strong glue to attach all kinds of leaves, seeds, feathers, twigs, pinecones, and anything else you might find.

Follow the country code

Do respect the countryside.

Do stay on the footpaths.

Do close gates after you.


Don't pick wild flowers.

Do try to collect things that have fallen from trees and are on the ground.

Don't go out on your own;

ALWAYS TAKE AN ADULT.





Painted pebbles

Fishy stones and patterned pebbles make great presents.

Beach art

A visit to the beach gives you plenty of material to play with. Try instant art or gather some beachy bits and make art at home.

Standing stones

Instant art on the beach.

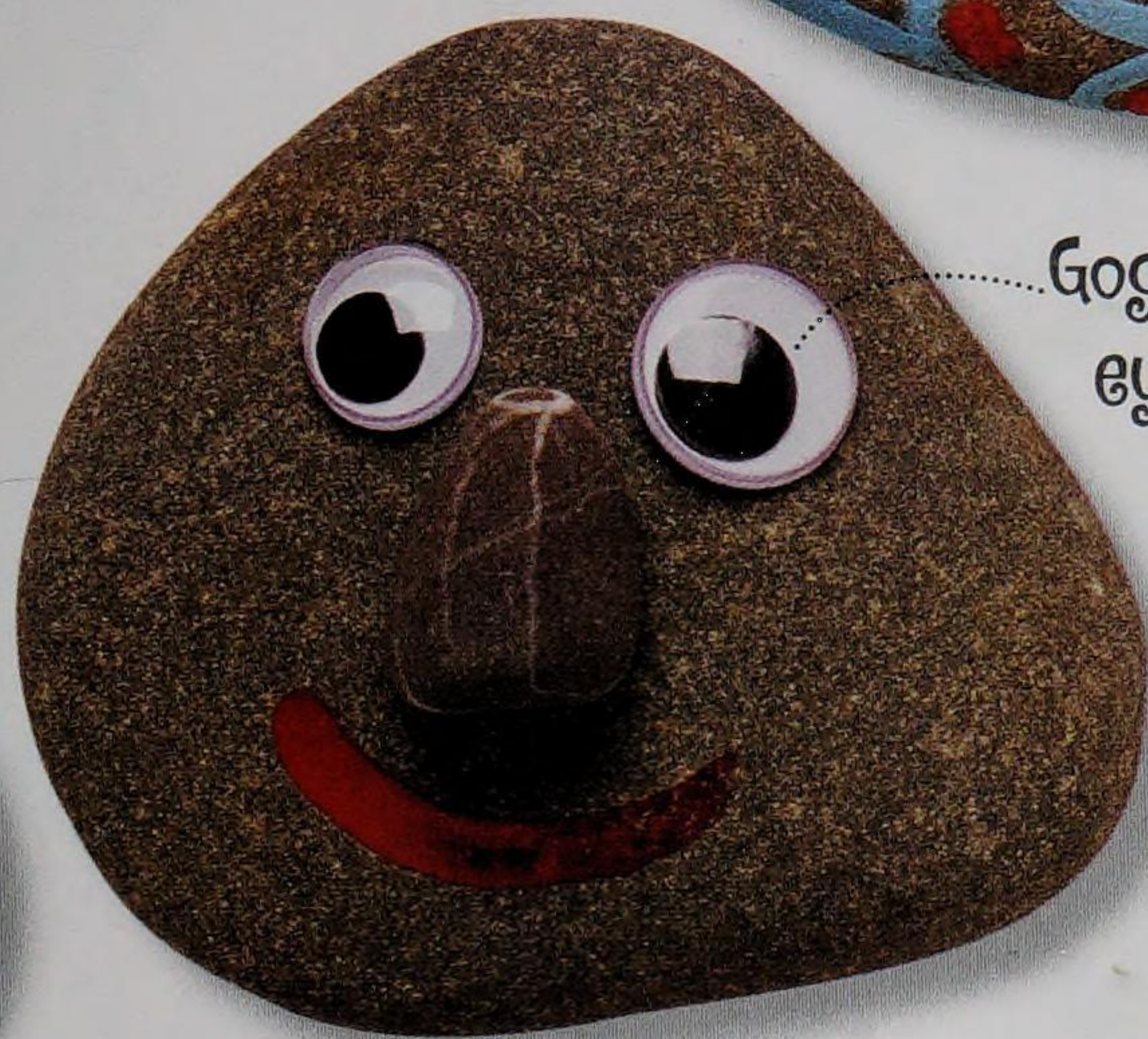
Pebble people

There are lots of pebble faces on the beach—it's up to you to find us.



Fishtails

Put stones together to make different shapes.



Goggle-eyed



Pebble pals



Sandman

Make faces in the sand and let the sea wash them away.



Patterns and scenes



Vrooom!



You'll need lots of us!

Pebbles make great art. Make patterns and faces on the beach, or take them home to play games with and create gifts for friends.

Search for shapes that work best for faces.



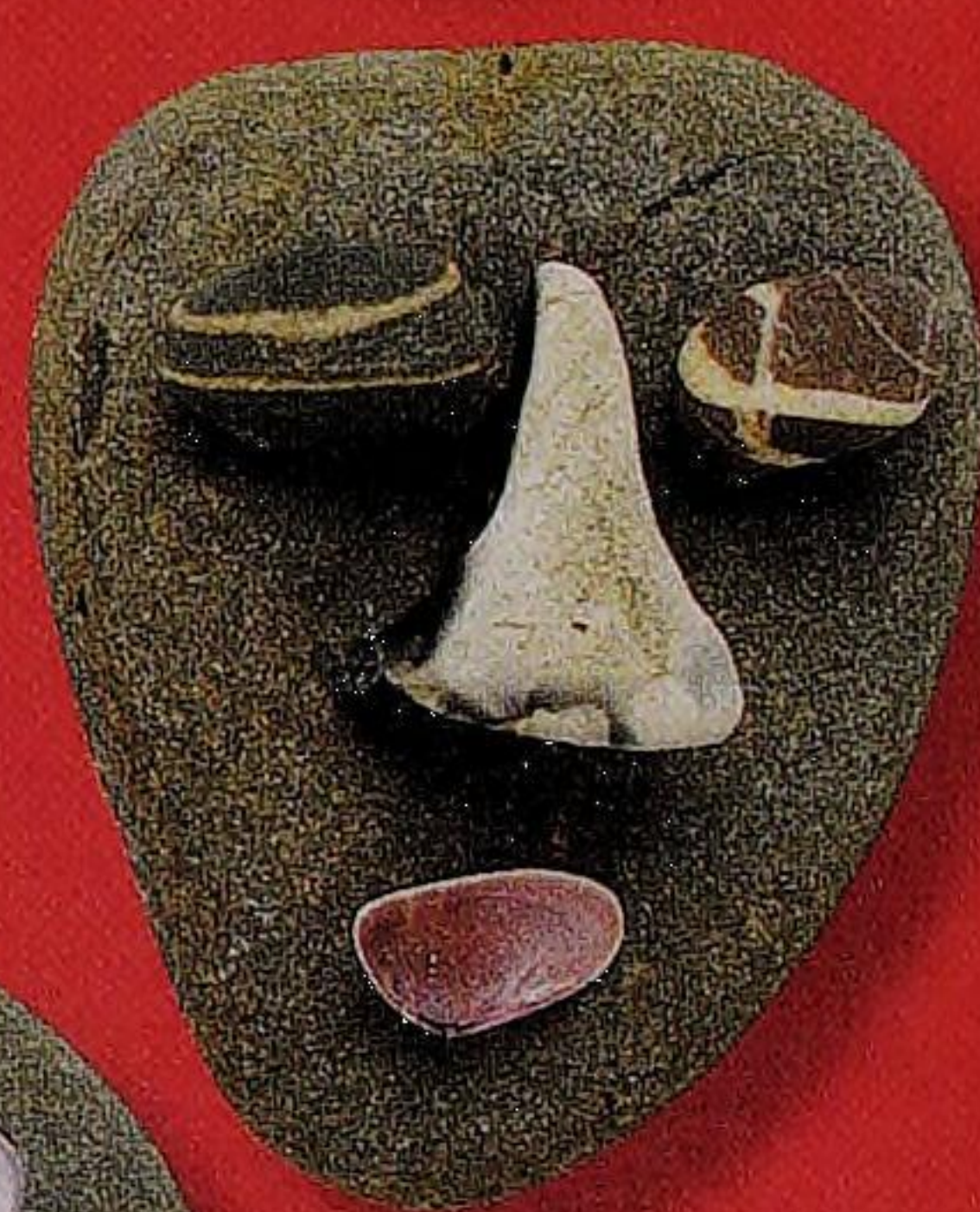
Pebble heads

Practice pebble faces on the beach then take them home and glue the stones together.

Add goggle eyes.



Use a strong glue to stick them together.



Beachcombing

As you play on the beach, fill up a bucket with odds and ends that catch your eye. Take it home and start creating.

Hello sandy face!



Not all pebbles are round; some are odd shapes. This one looks just like a nose. Look for them and make happy, sandy faces.



Painting pebbles

Acrylic paint is thick and waterproof so it is perfect for painting pebbles. Paint it right onto the pebble—you may need two coats of paint for a perfect finish.



Wash your brush out between colors.

Apply the first coat and wait for it to dry.



To make the paint less see-through, add some white paint.



Shells for ears and a painted face



Mini cakes

Make a miniature picnic. Take small stones and paint them to look like delicious creamy cupcakes.



Rings and things

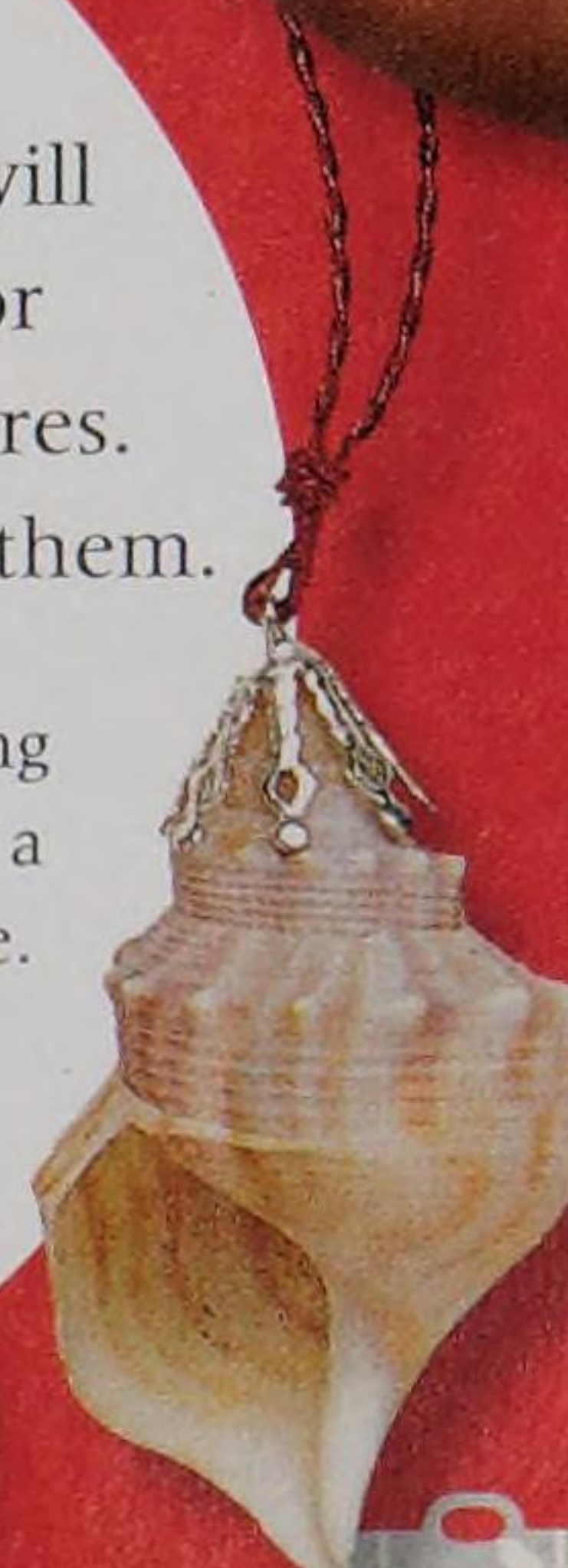
Make your pebbles and shells into precious jewelry. You will find ring bases and claws for pendants in local craft stores. Use strong glue to attach them.



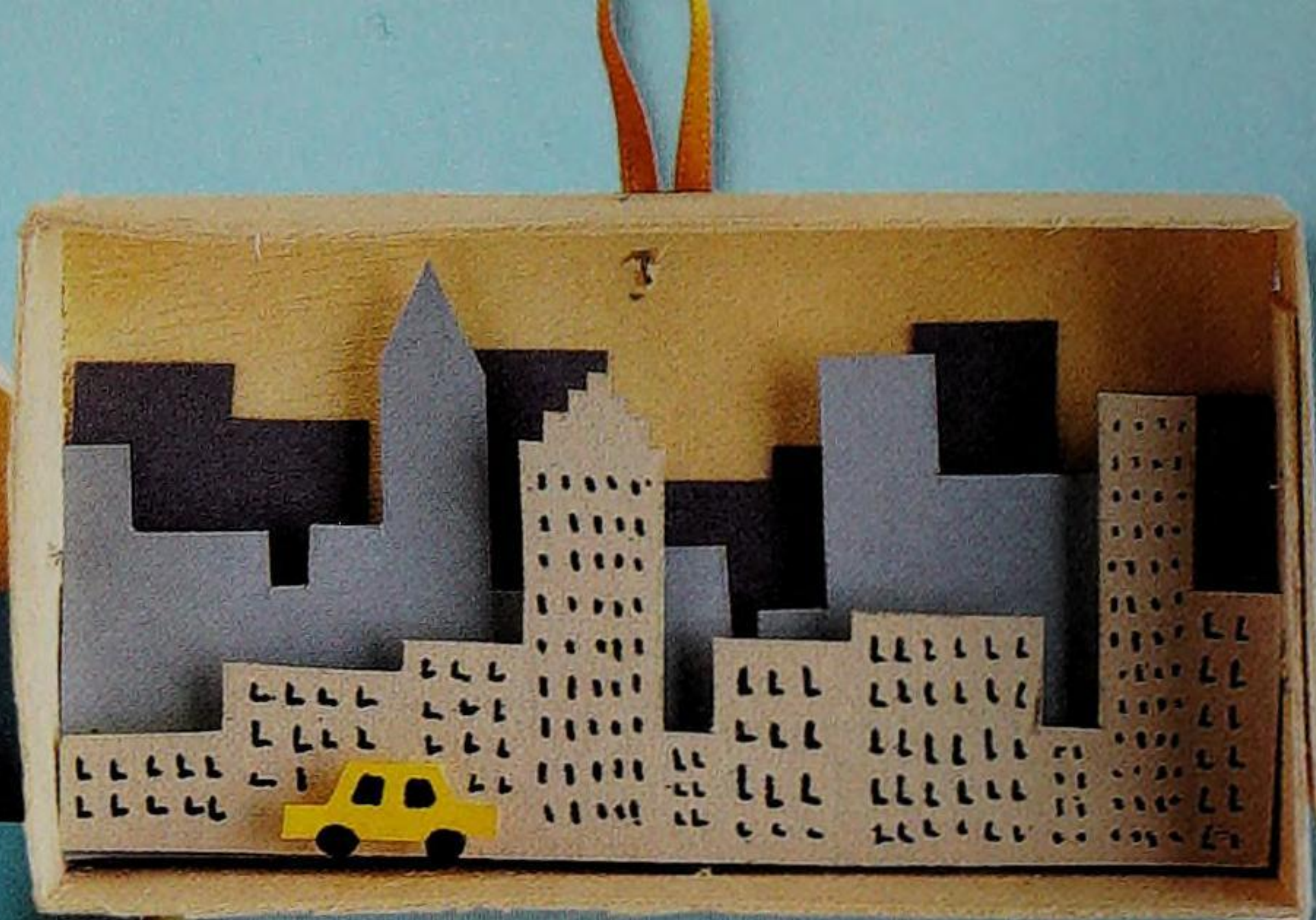
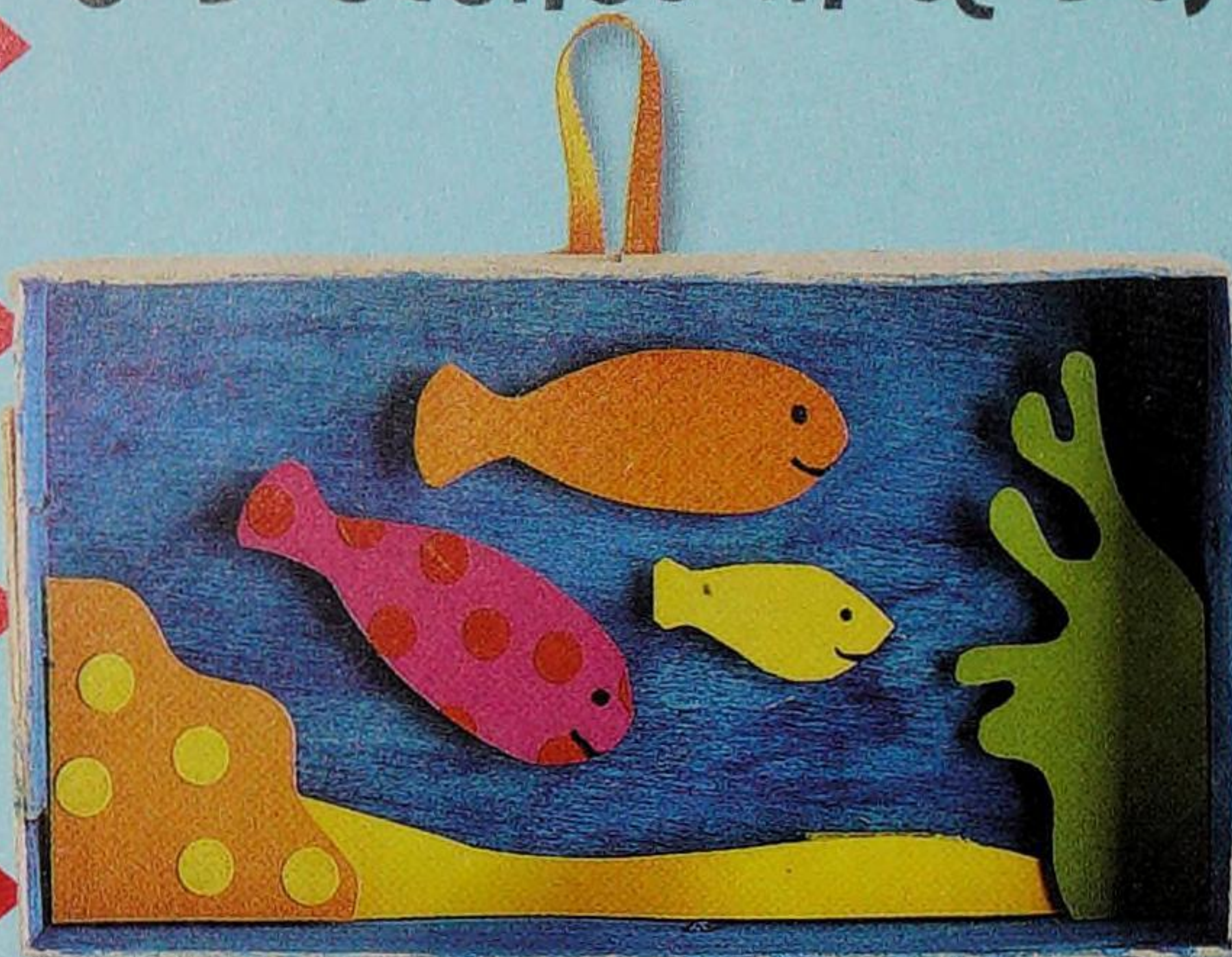
Pendant claws

Add string to make a necklace.

Spread out the claw's prongs and use strong glue to press it to the pebble or shell.



3-D scenes in a box



Bag them up and
give them away...



Your souvenir shop

It's fun to buy mementos on vacation, but it's even more fun to make your own to keep or give away.

Snow globes



Mini pet Dinosaur in a jar

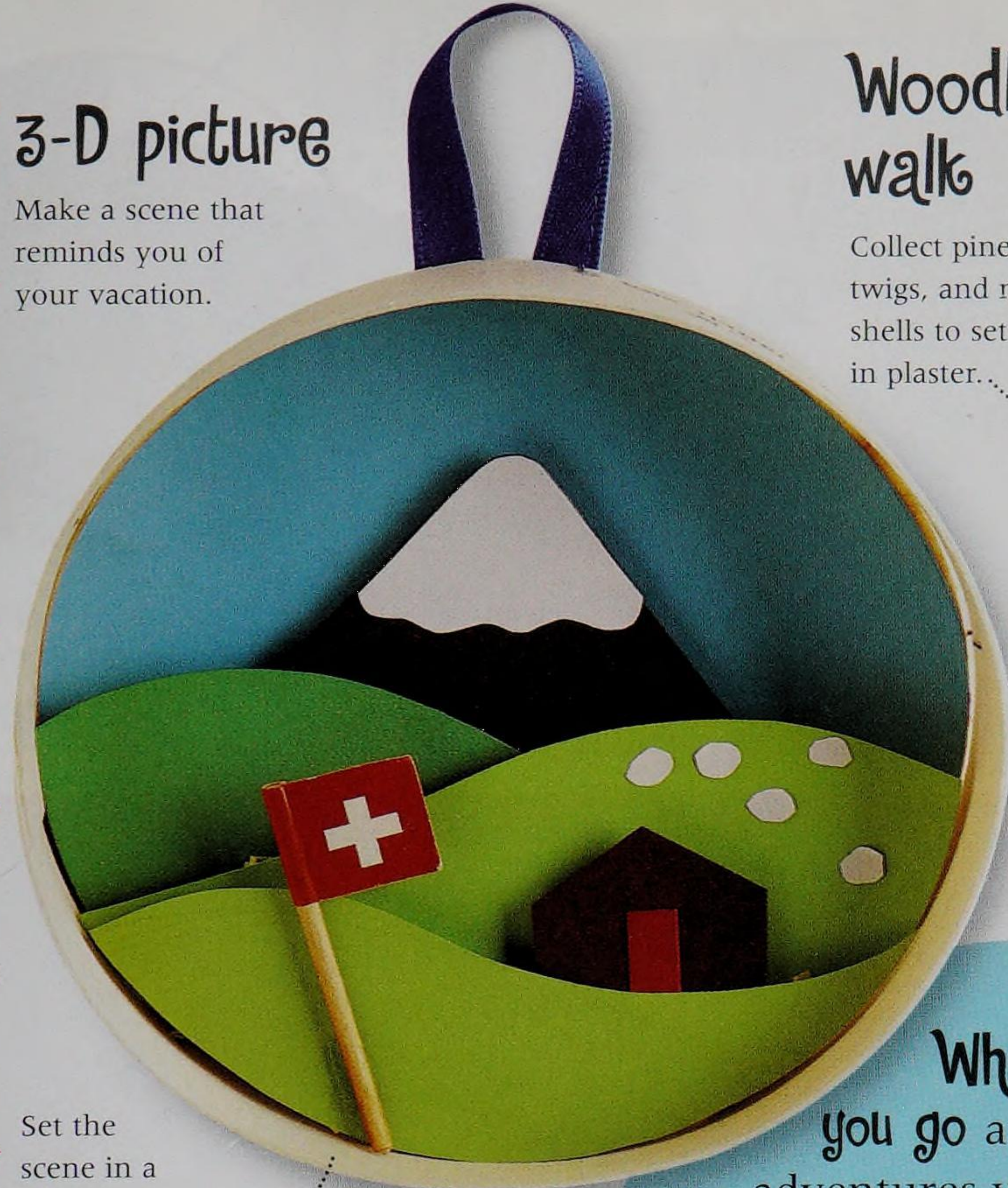


Plaster pictures



3-D picture

Make a scene that reminds you of your vacation.



Set the scene in a wooden cheese box.

Woodland walk

Collect pinecones, twigs, and nutshells to set in plaster.



Wherever

you go and whatever adventures you have, make sure you remember them by turning things you have collected along the way into art. Then let friends know how good your vacation was by giving your art away as presents.

Happy vacation



Reuse glass jars to make a magical scene.

Snowstorms



Transform plastic models in glitter and glycerine.

Mini pets

Give a home to a tiny plastic animal in a jar.



A piece of cloth held on with a rubber band

Plaster plaques

Plaster of Paris is really easy to use but it dries quickly, so work fast! You can buy it in local craft stores. Use any old plastic containers you find to make perfect presents or keepsakes.

MIX THE PLASTER

For a small container:

2 tablespoons plaster

4 tablespoons water



Plaster of Paris



You could use any plastic trays—like these food trays.

A plastic bottle base makes a good shape.



Add some water...



...and stir.

The mixture should be like whipped cream—not runny. Add more water or plaster until it's right.

1 Stir in the water

Snowstorms

Mix up a snowstorm to remind you of your vacation. To make it sparkle you need a very clean glass jar with a screw-top lid. Use a strong glue—not a glue that will dissolve in water.



Screw-top glass jar



Glycerine



Strong glue

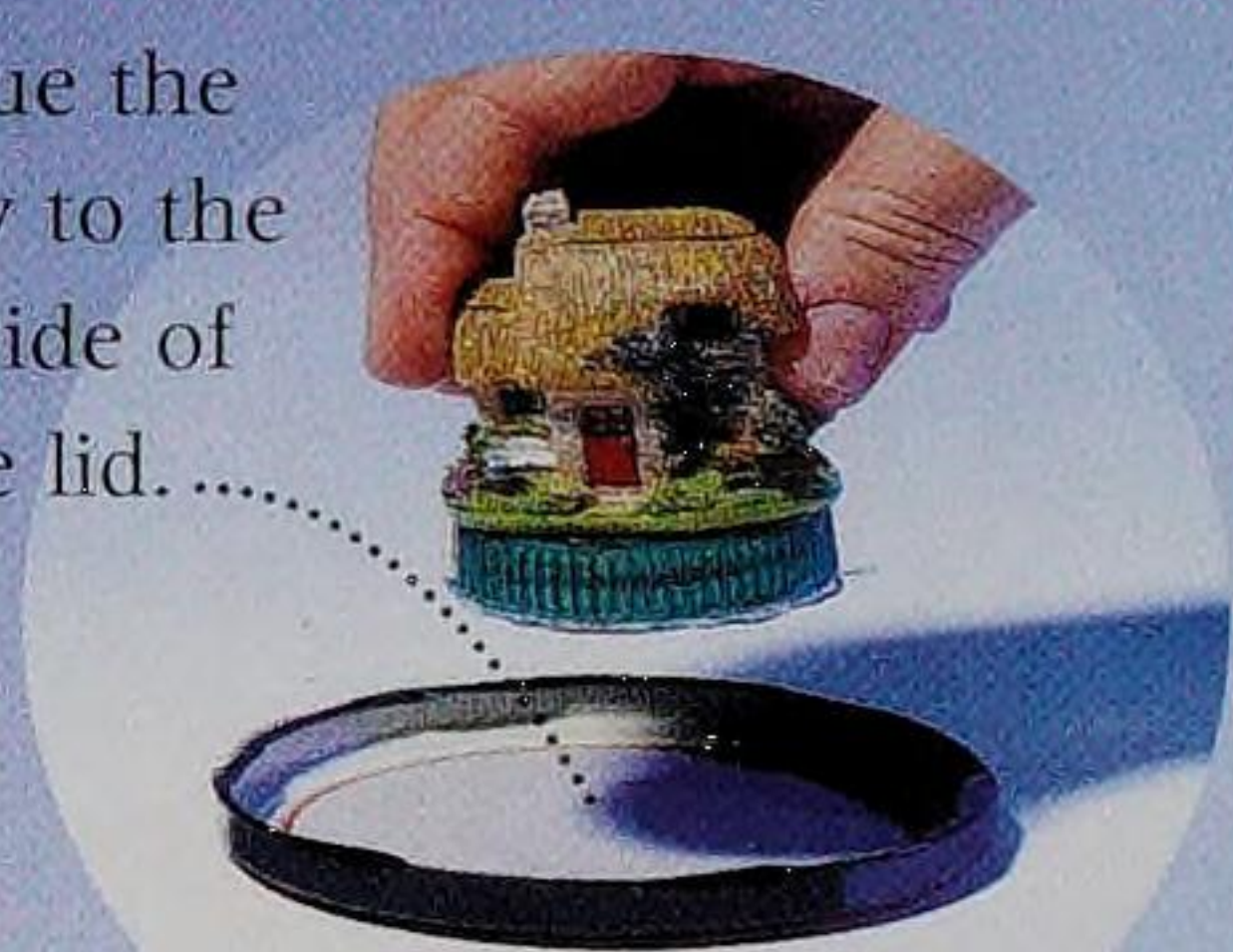
Glycerine can be bought in drug-stores. It is thick and helps the glitter move in the water.

Plastic or ceramic toy

Glitter



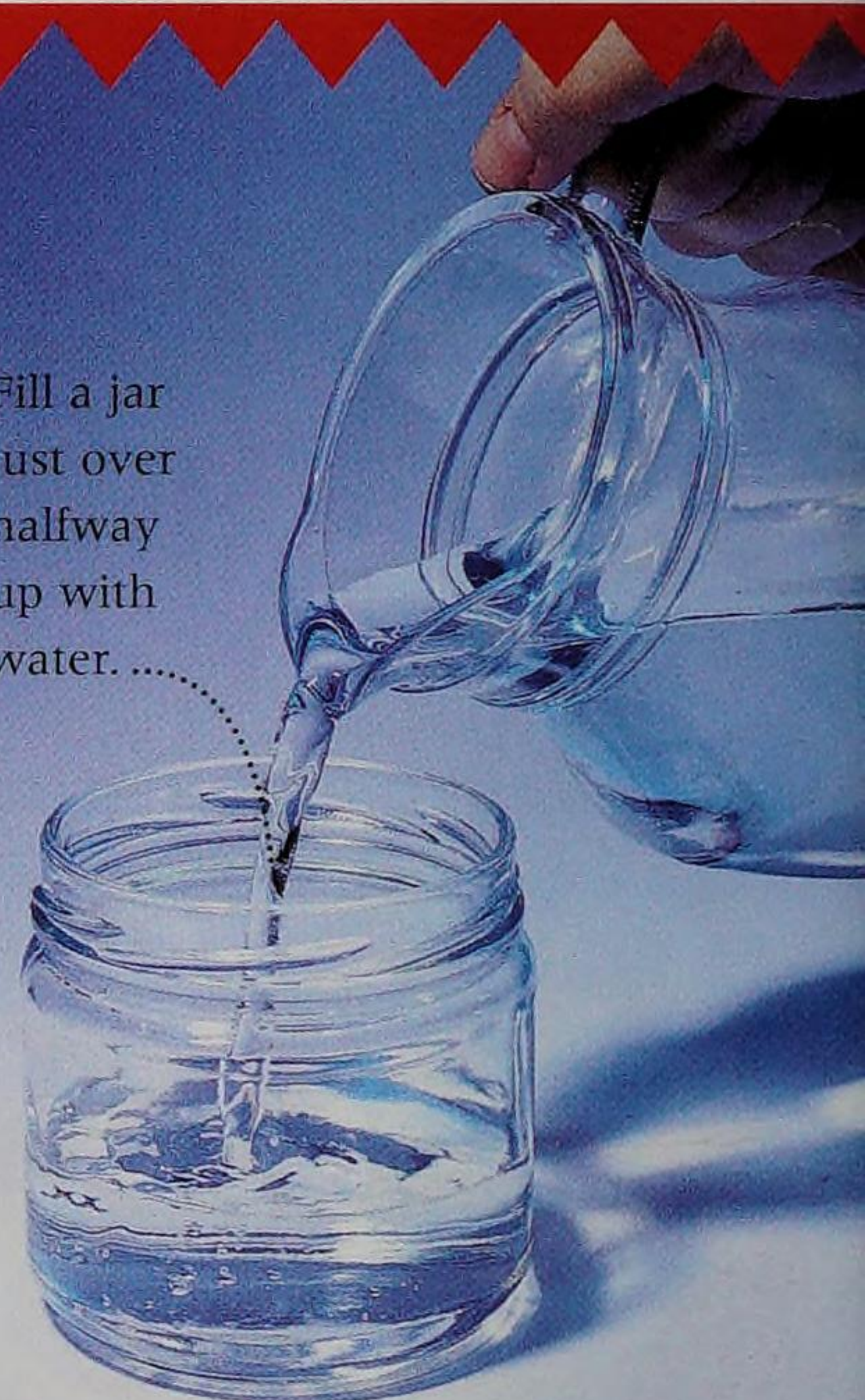
Glue the toy to the inside of the lid.



Leave the glue to set.



Fill a jar just over halfway up with water.

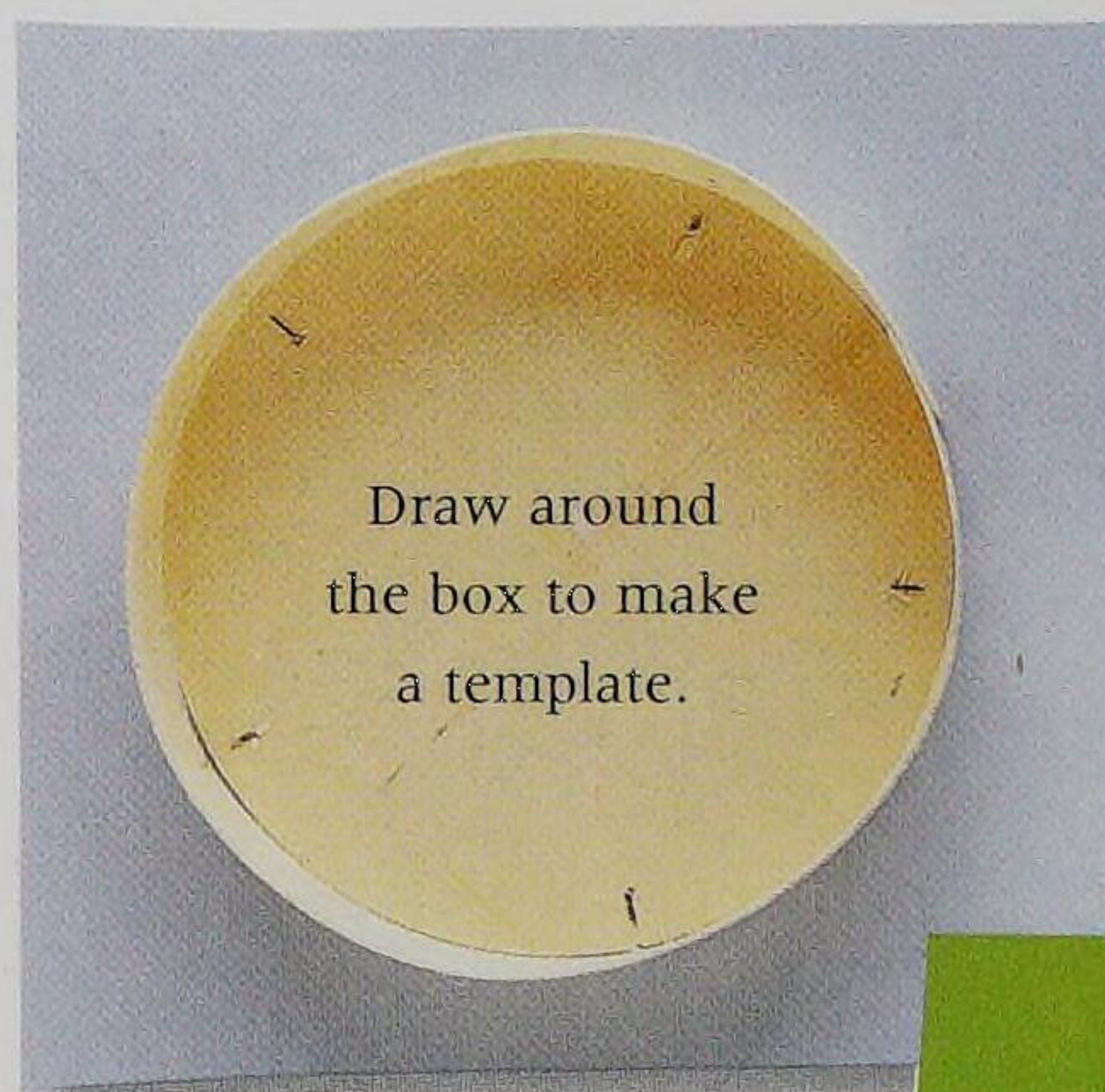


3-D Scenes

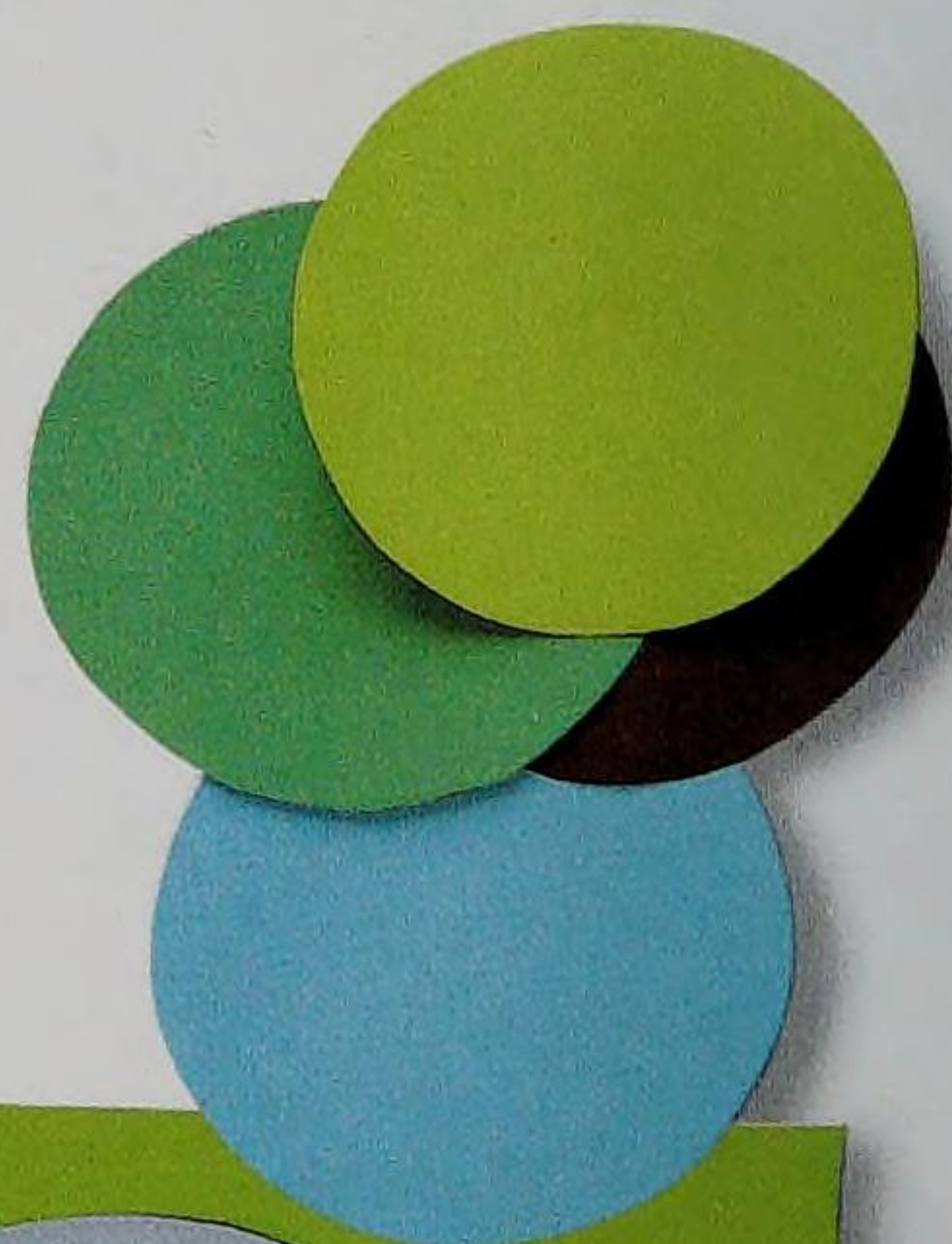
These 3-D pictures are made out of layers of paper, with a wedge stuck between each layer to give the 3-D effect. Collect the lightweight, wooden boxes that come with things such as cheese—they can be transformed into some great art.



Wooden cheese boxes



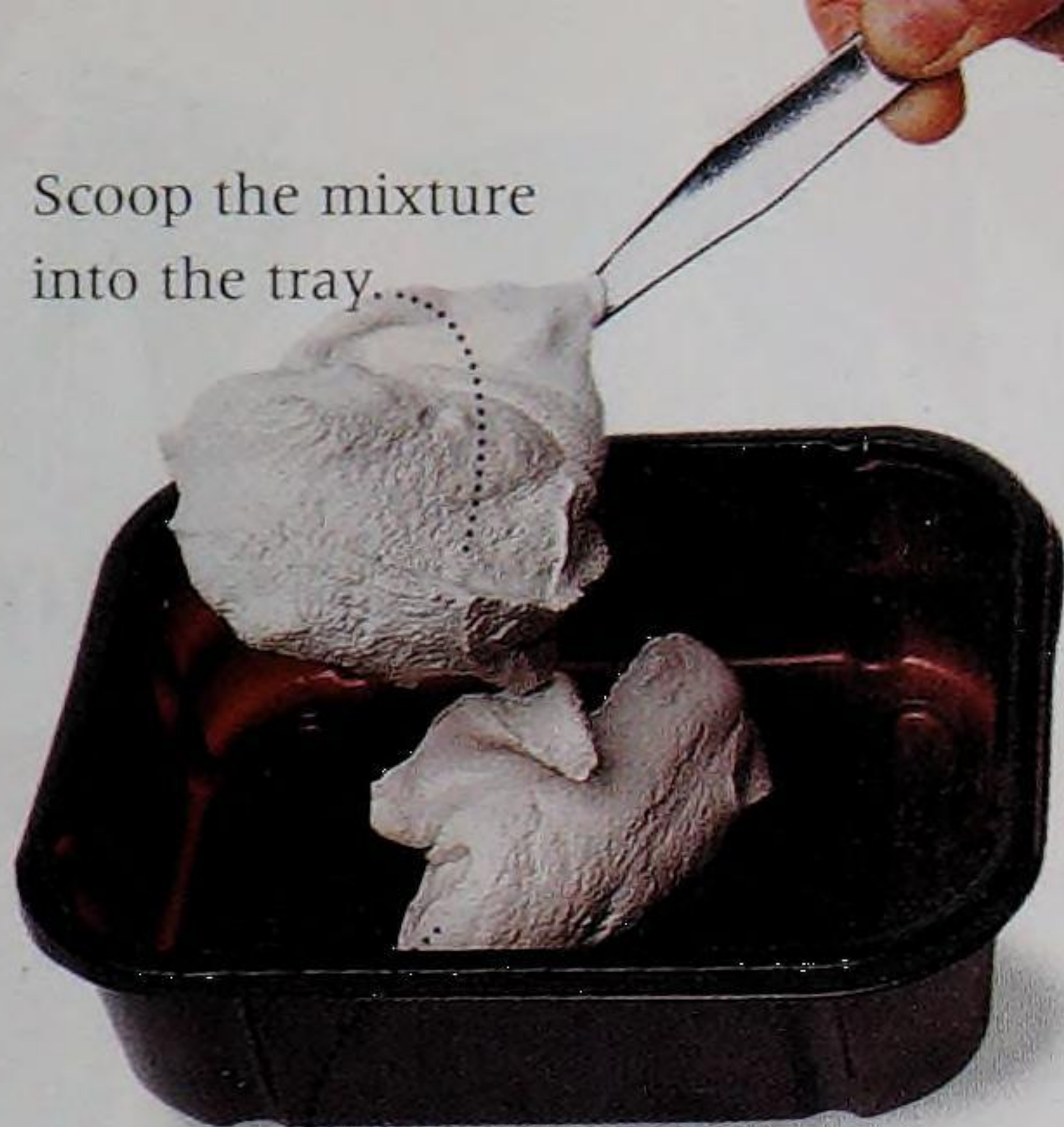
Draw around the box to make a template.



Cut out the template and use it to cut out lots of pieces of colored paper the same size.



Scoop the mixture into the tray.

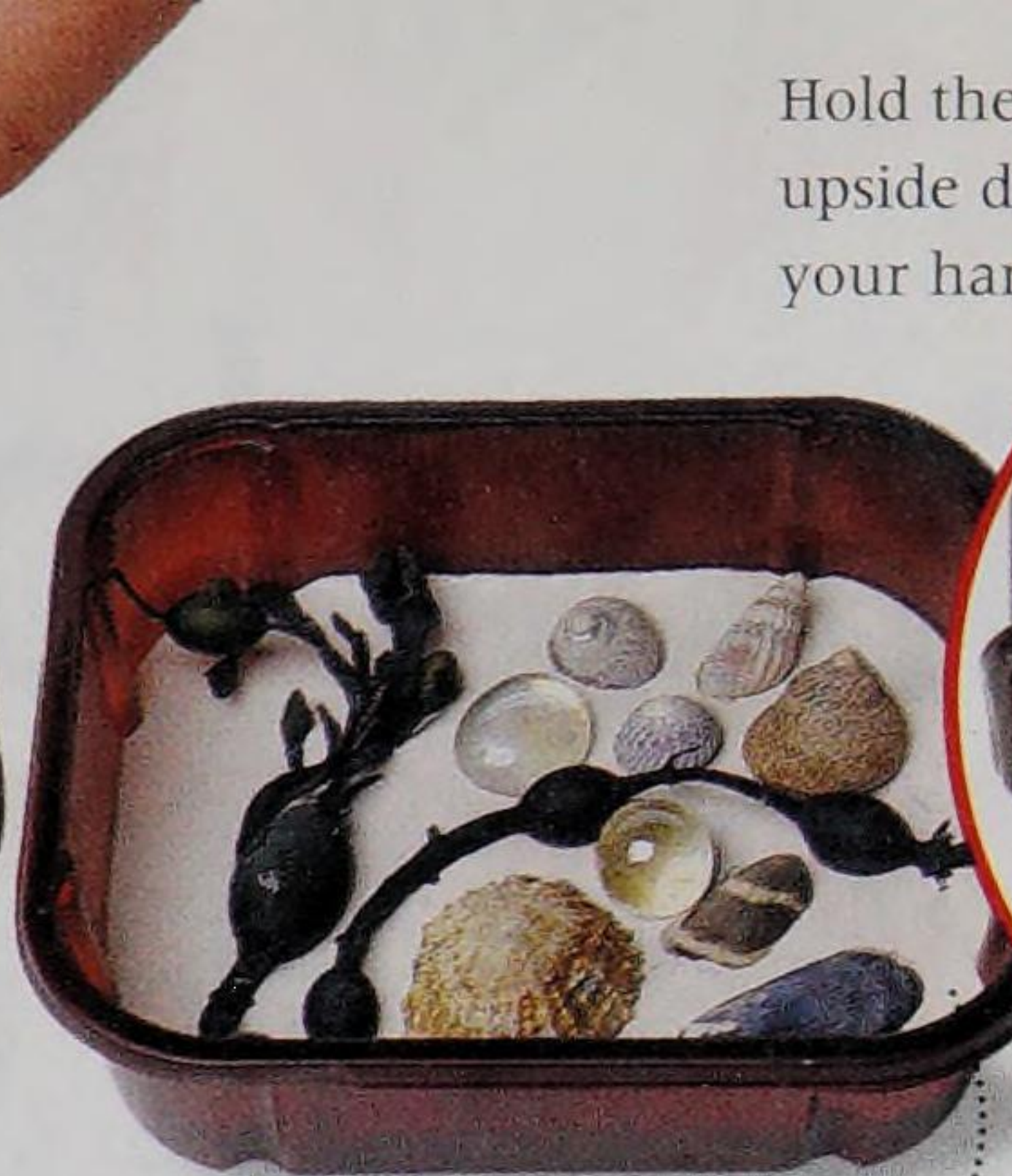


Give the tray a few sharp taps to make the plaster settle.

Press the objects into the plaster.



Collect odds and ends, such as shells and pebbles, from a beach.



Leave it to dry for 30 minutes.

Hold the tray upside down over your hand.



Let the plaque drop out.

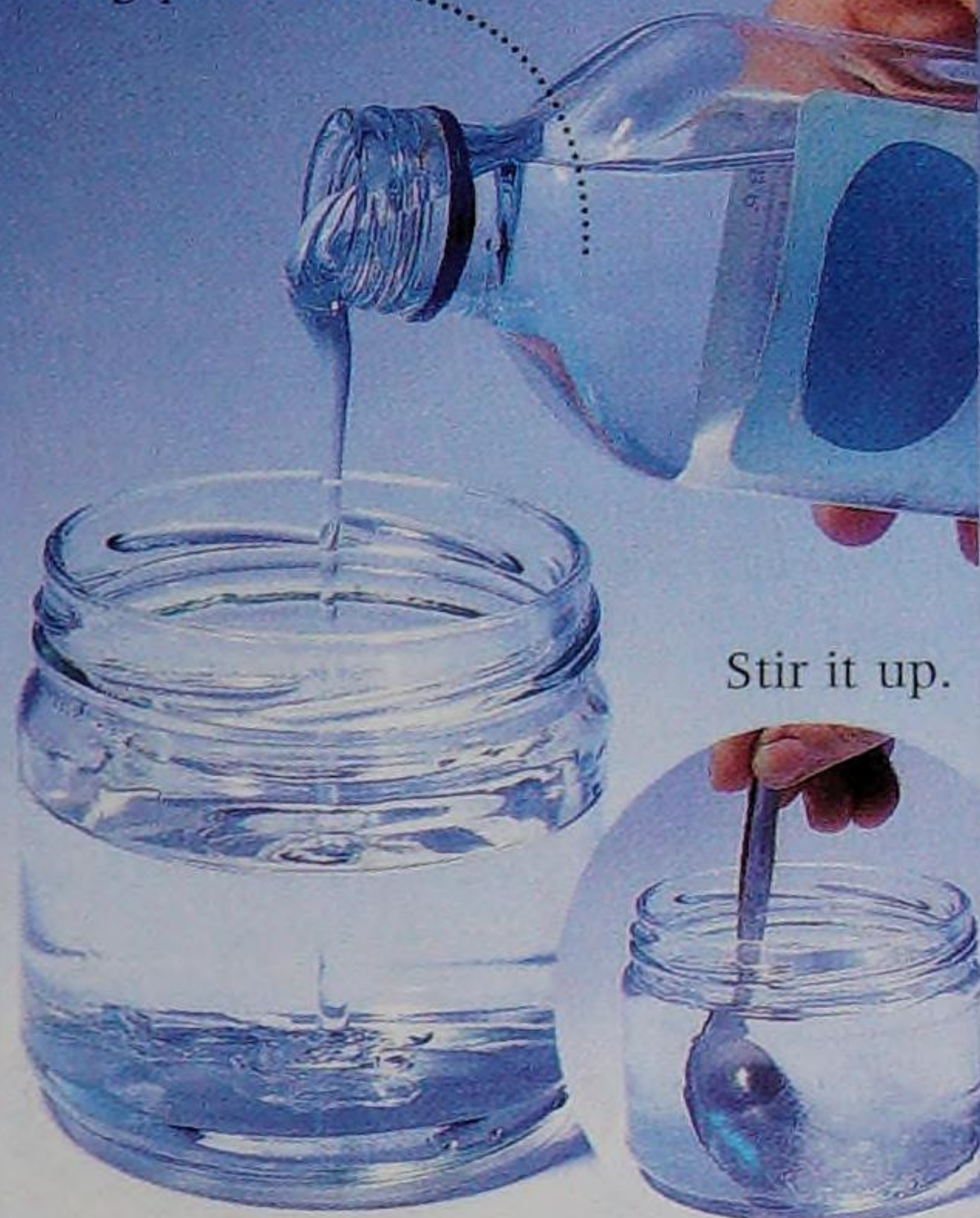
2 Fill the mold

3 Make your design

4 Let it set

5 Turn it out

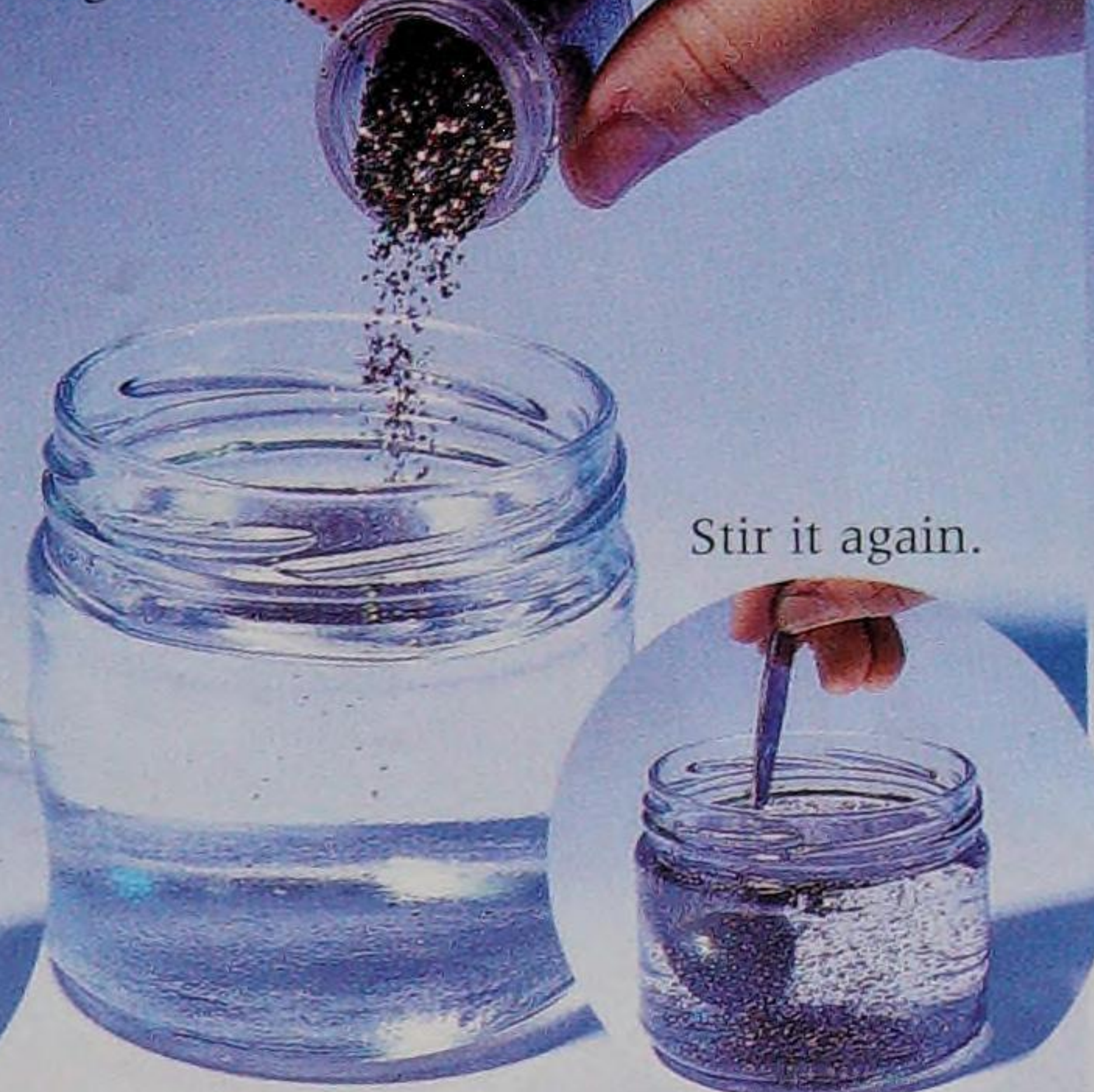
Pour in 2 tablespoons of glycerine.



Stir it up.



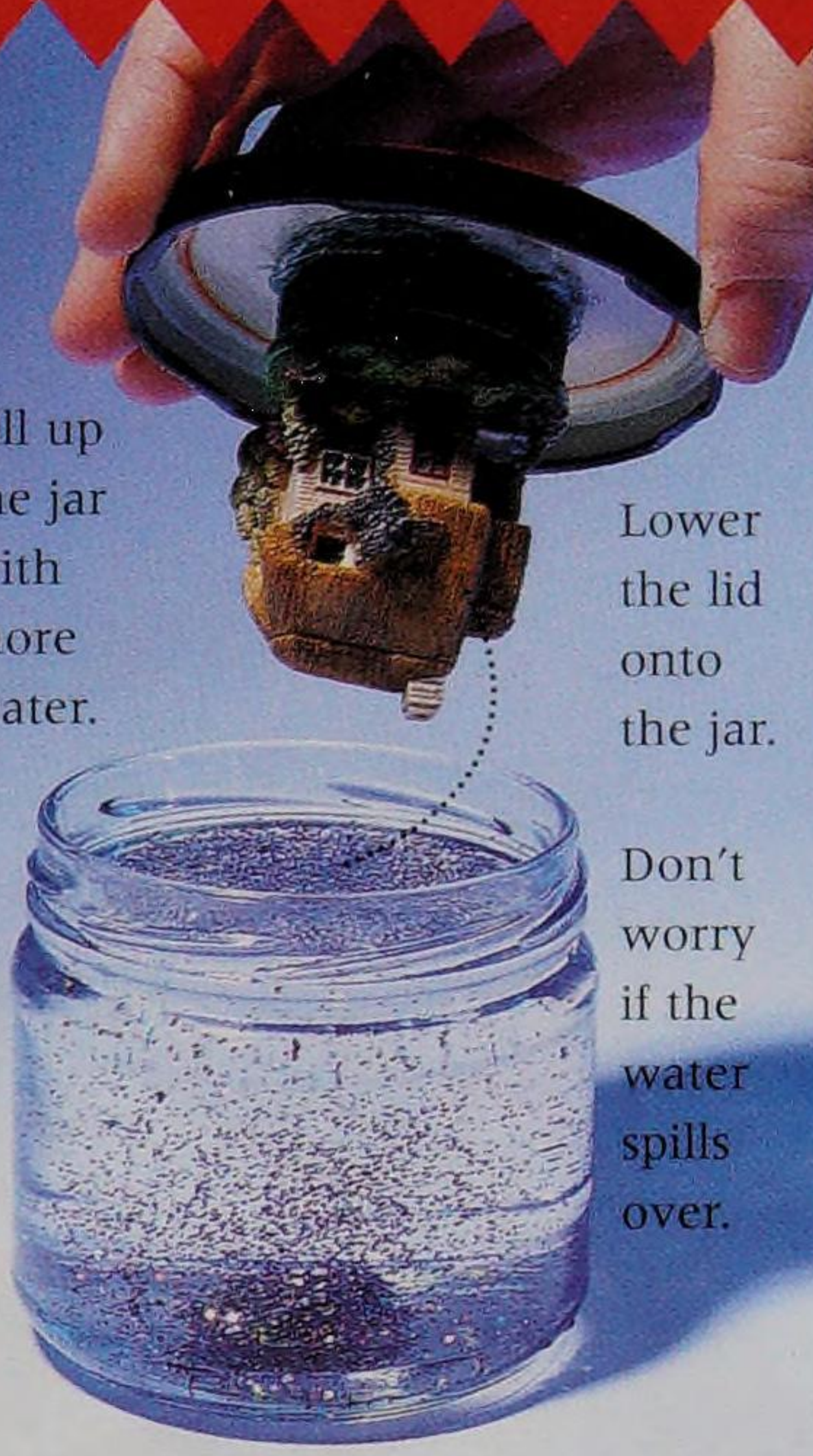
Add a teaspoon of glitter.



Stir it again.



Fill up the jar with more water.



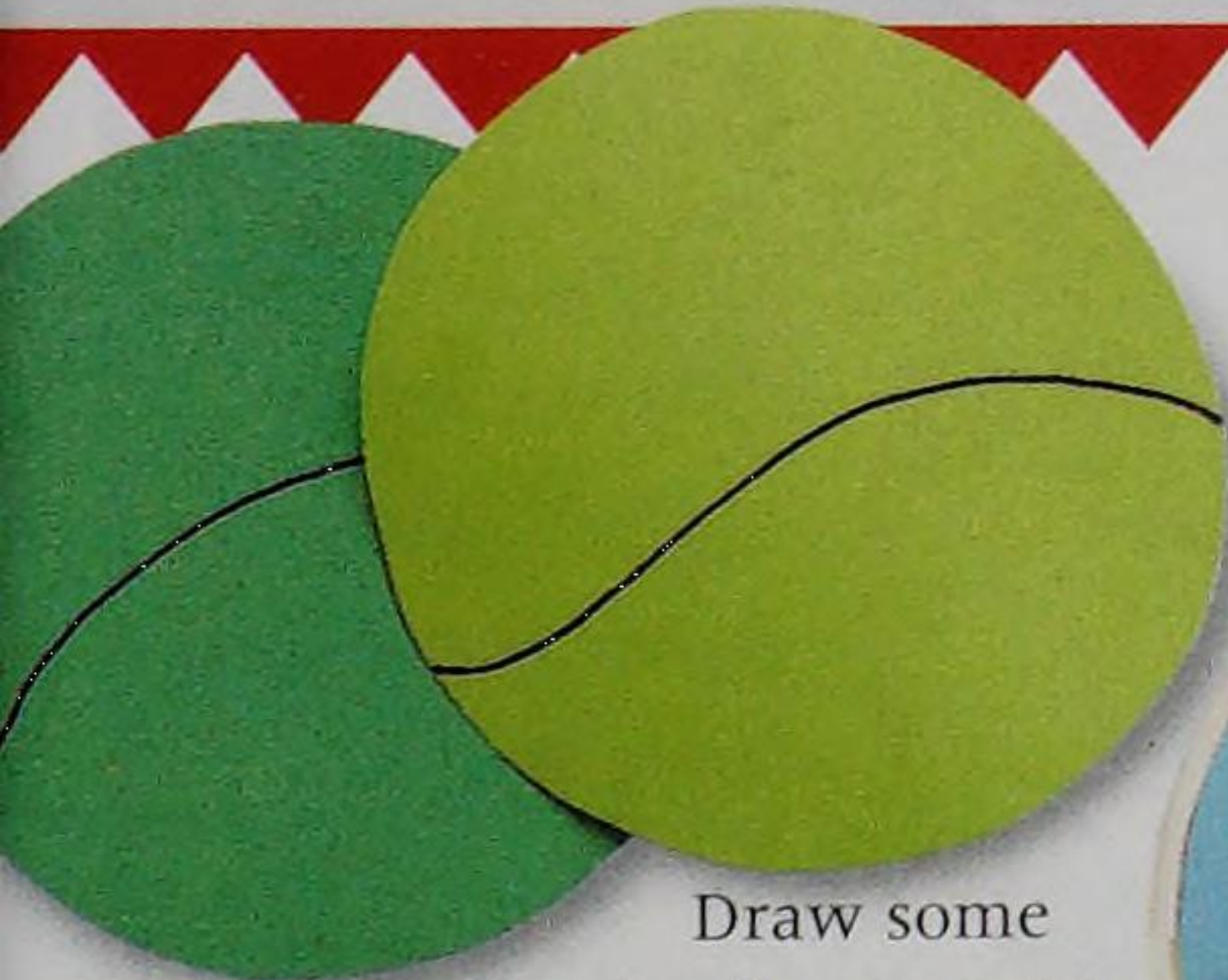
Lower the lid onto the jar.

Don't worry if the water spills over.

Wipe the jar and check for leaks.

Add more glue around the lid to seal it.

NOW SHAKE IT!



Draw some landscape swirls on the circles.

Glue a whole circle to the bottom of the tray.



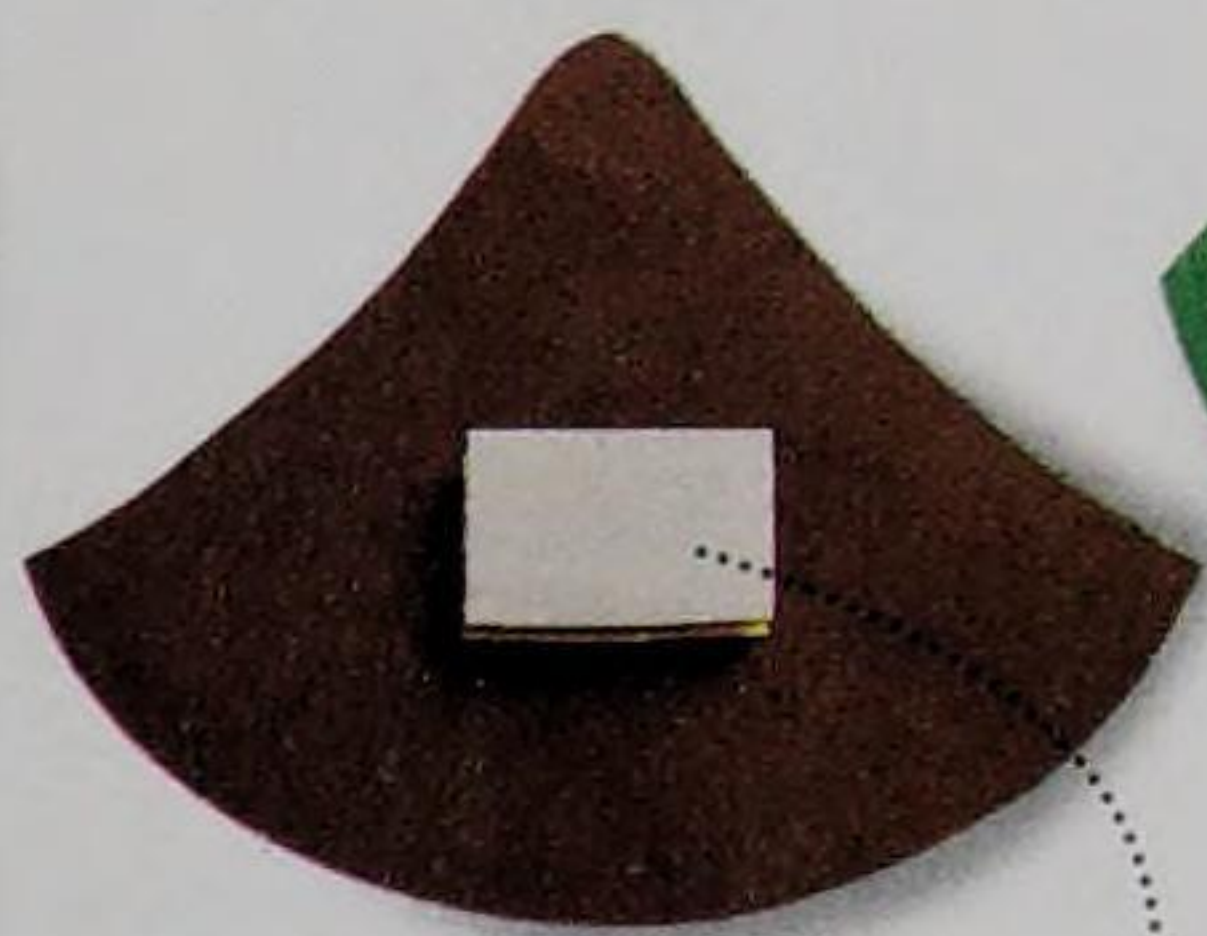
Add a white paper, snow-capped peak.

A piece of brown paper makes a hillside hut.

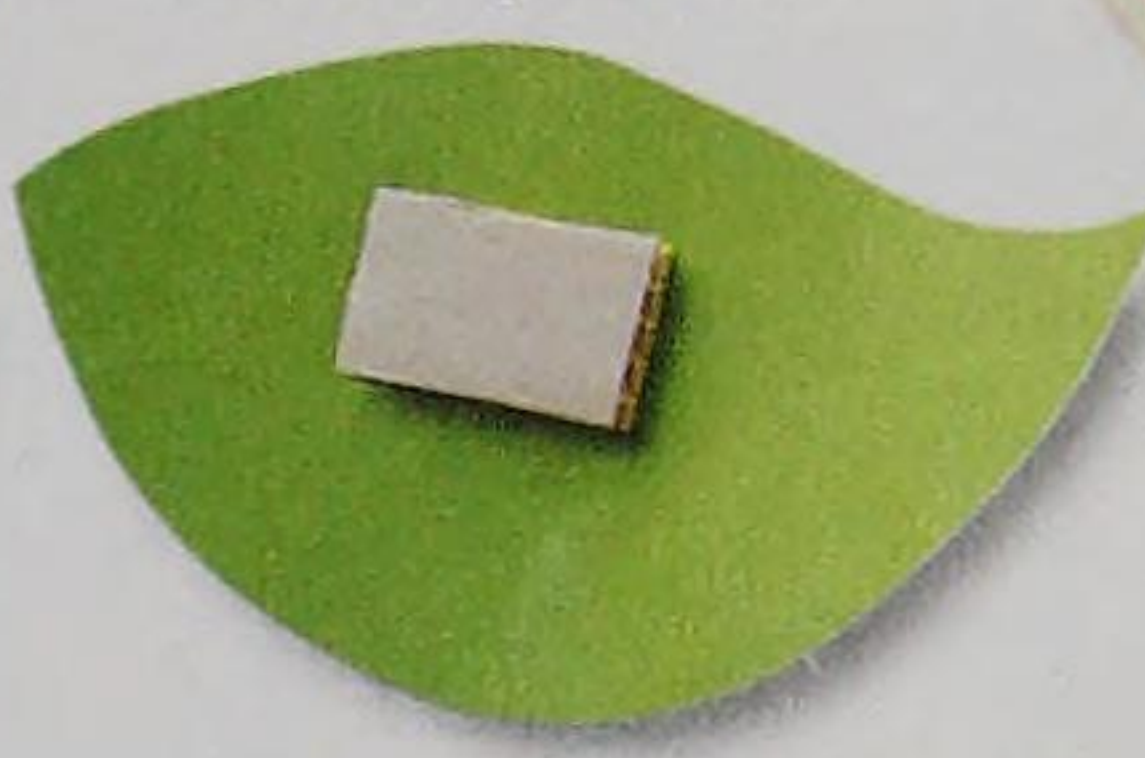
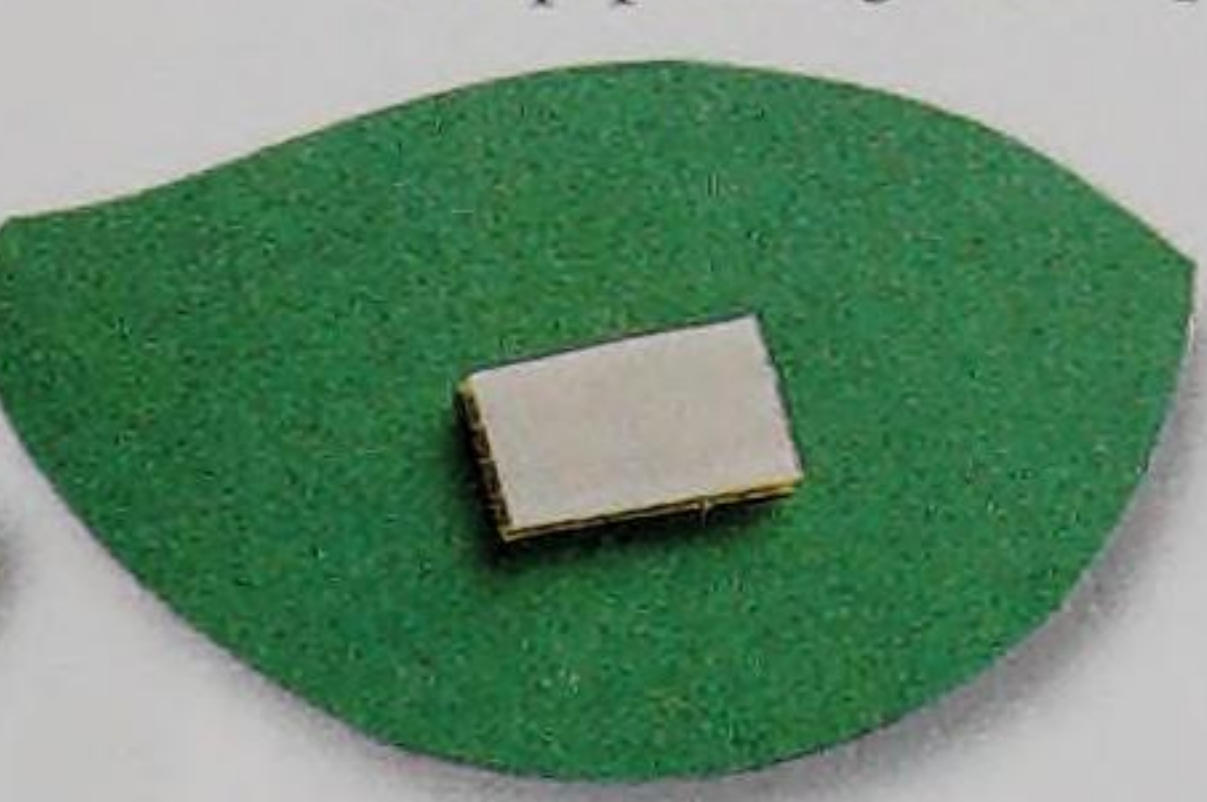
Keep pasting the layers onto the picture.



Cut out the landscape shapes.



Stick a sticky pad to the back of every scene layer.



Sticky pads can be bought in stationery stores. If you can't find them, cover both sides of a thick piece of cardboard with double-sided tape.

Tape ribbon to the back to hang it up.



Things to do

The best things about vacations are

VIP for a day!

Bite into your cupcake. If you get the one with the cherry in it, you are a Very Important Person and YOU get to choose what to do for the day.

What will you choose? Perhaps...

- be treated like royalty for a day?
- you get to sit in the front seat?
- you choose the movie?
- you get to go first—anywhere?
- choose the restaurant?

Take a bite...
I've got it!



4 tablespoons
(100 g) butter



1/2 cup (100 g)
self-rising flour



1/3 cup
(100 g) sugar



2 eggs



1 Mix it up

Put all the ingredients in the bowl and beat until the mixture is light and fluffy.



2 One cherry

Put some cupcake cases in a muffin pan. Take ONE cherry and place it in ONE of the cases.



3 Cover up

Spoon the mixture into the cases, making sure you cover the cherry completely.

Set the oven to
375°F, 190°C



4 Bake

Bake in the oven for 10–15 minutes.

Ask an adult

to help with the electric beater and the hot oven.



5 Decoration

Mix some confectionary sugar with a few drops of water and spoon it on top of the cupcakes.



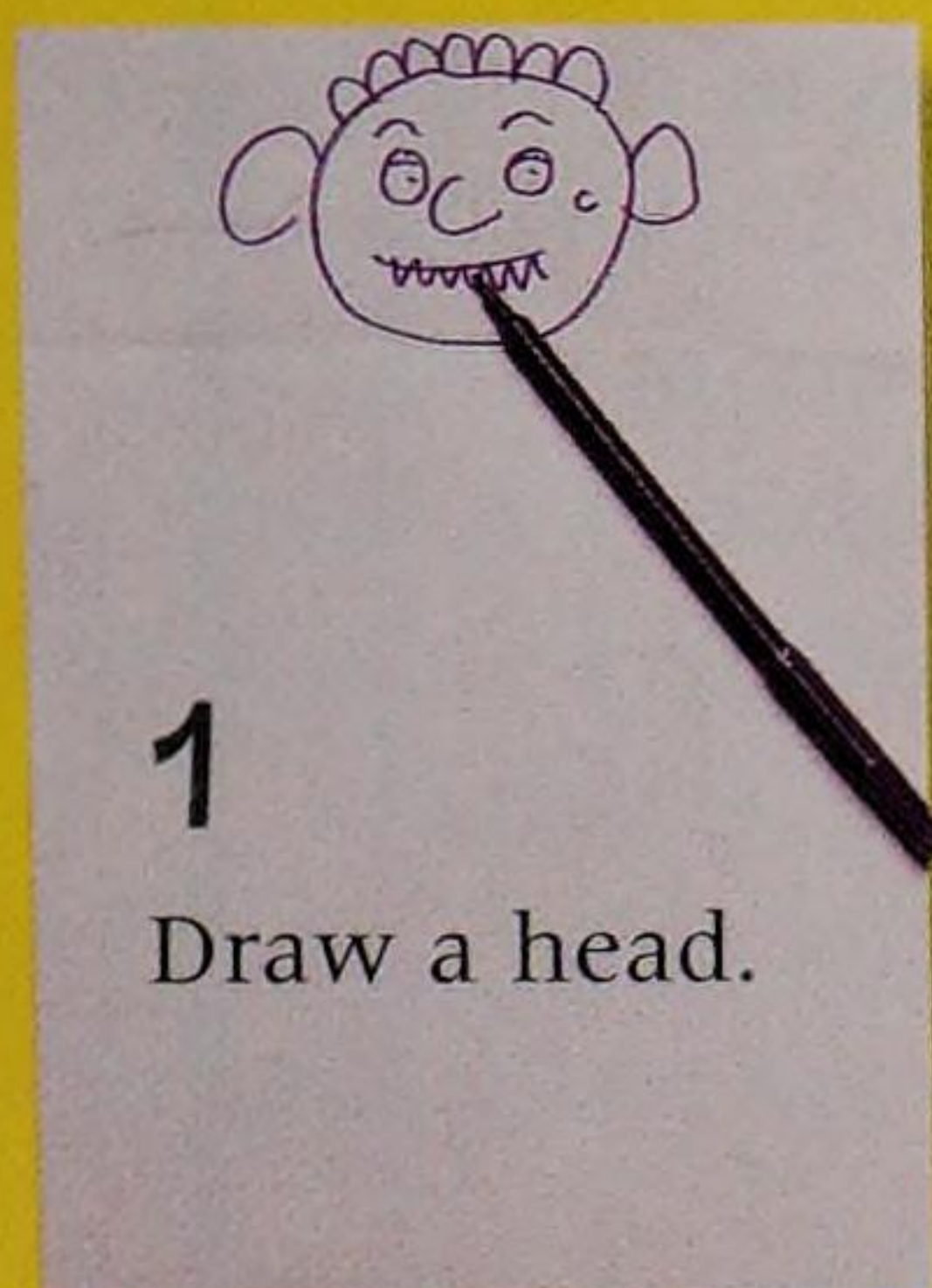
Finish each cupcake with a cherry on the top.



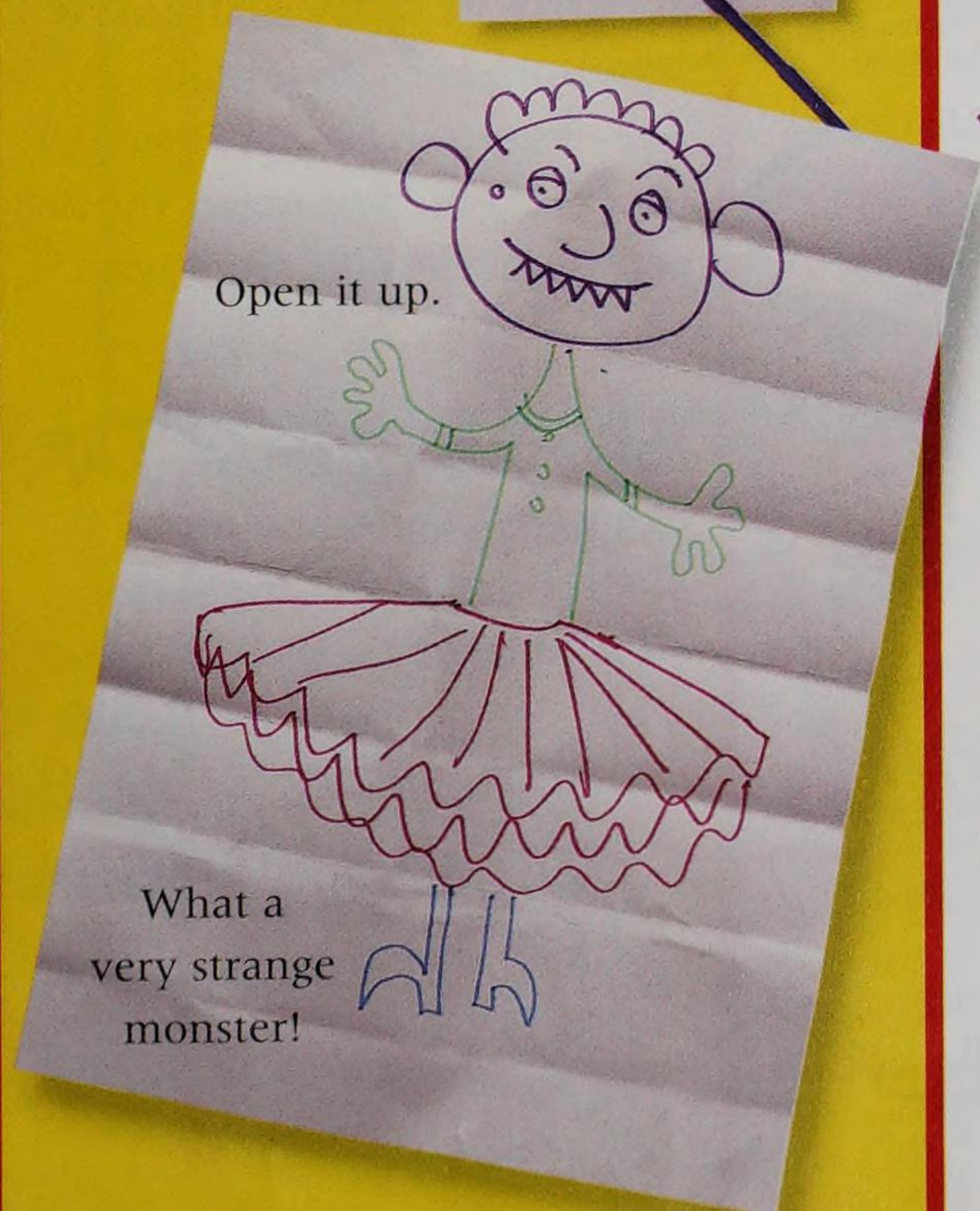
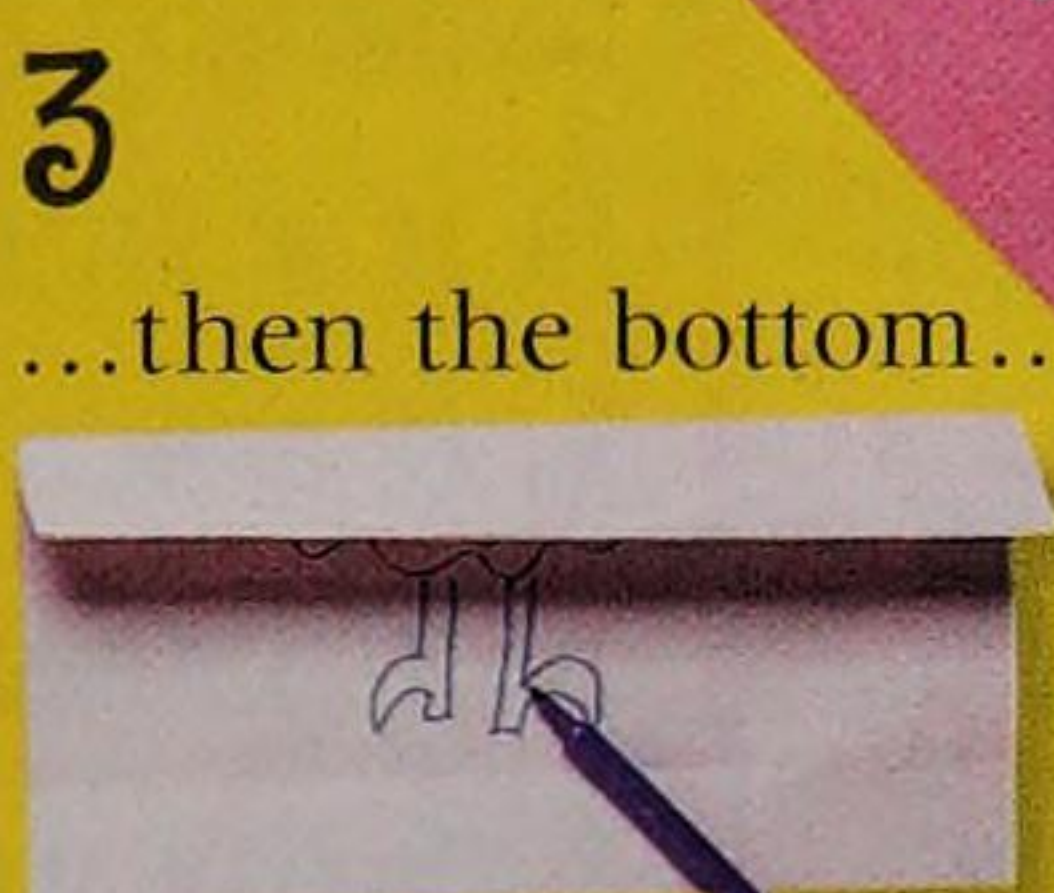
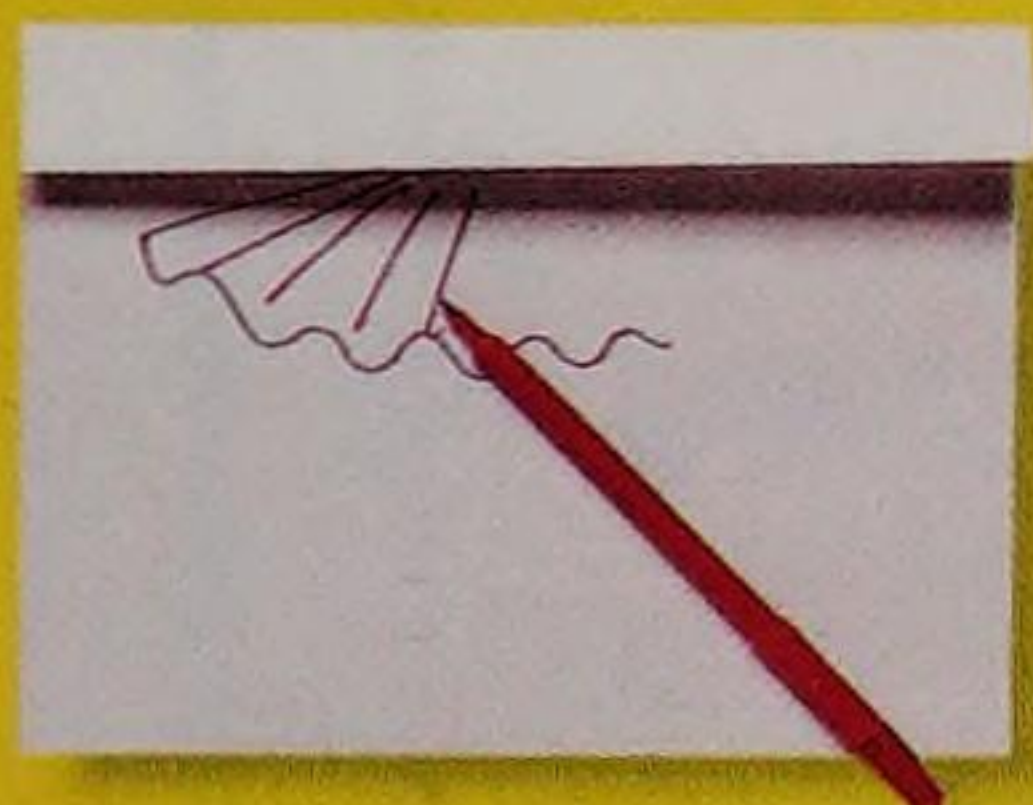
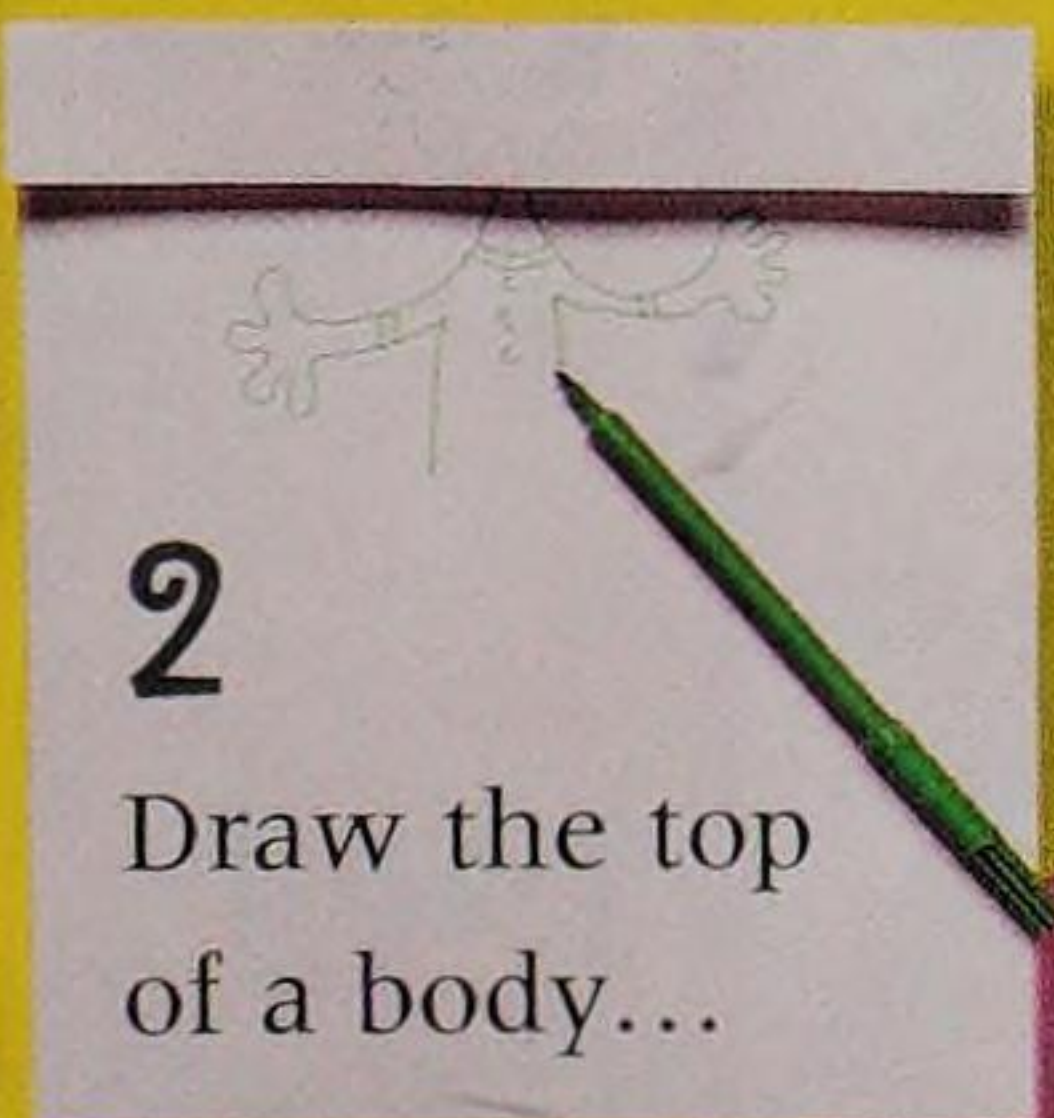
playing games and going on outings, so here are some ideas to help you along.

Draw a monster...

...with your friends. Take a piece of paper and draw a head at the top. Fold the paper down and pass it to the next person, who draws the top of the body. They fold it down, and pass it on as shown. When it's



finished, open it up and there is the mystery monster! Remember—don't show anyone what you are drawing.



What shall we do?

Can't decide what to do? Why not let the jar be your guide? Write down different ideas on pieces of paper, fold them up, and put them into a jar or box. Then when you just can't decide what to do, dip in.

- Let's get out the paints.
- Let's go to the movies.
- Let's go on a bike ride.
- Let's play cards.



Let's bake cupcakes

Let's go swimming

Let's go to the zoo



What happened next?

Who knows where the story will begin or end! The great thing about this game is that you all get to listen to a story—but no one knows what will happen next...

Pick someone to start a story and let them make up the story for half a minute. When their time is up, the next person picks up the story where it stopped and continues it for another half-minute. The last person has to end the story.

HERE ARE A FEW STORY IDEAS TO START YOU OFF.

Dad promised us that he knew the way to the beach, but as they climbed higher and higher up the mountain, they had a feeling they were lost...

OR

One fine day a toad and a frog were sunning themselves by a small stream. Suddenly they heard a loud BANG!

OR

It all started when James went to Tom's house to play football...

Are we there yet?

Traveling doesn't have to be boring. Here are some games to challenge the family with—whether you are on a car, bus, plane, or train.

Grandma's suitcase



How good is your memory? Test it with "Grandma's suitcase." List the things Grandma has packed to go on her vacation. The things she packs can be as wild as you like, all you have to do is remember them—here's how it goes...

My Grandma went on vacation and in her suitcase she packed:
...a pair of flippers

The next person repeats the above then adds another packed item.

My Grandma went on vacation and in her suitcase she packed:
...a pair of flippers
...and a pet kitten

Keep going until someone gets an item wrong or can't remember one and gives up.

It might end up sounding like this...

My Grandma went on vacation and in her suitcase she packed:
...a pair of flippers
...a pet kitten
...a set of drums
...a cabbage
...her best sweater
...an umbrella
...and a small frying pan
...and on and on!

Travel bingo

Keep the cards together in a CD case.



How to make your game

Cut out some square pieces of paper the size of a CD case. Draw lines down the cards so there are three boxes across and three boxes down. Now draw a picture in each box—draw things that you might see on a road trip.

How to play travel Bingo

Give each person in the car (except the driver!) a card and tell them to check the picture when they see it outside the car. When you have checked all the boxes shout "BINGO!"



Give each player a pencil so when they match a picture they can check it off their card. To play again, just erase the pencil marks.



Words on plates

Look at a license plate. You'll notice that there are letters on it. When you are on the road, pick a car, look at the license plate, and race each other to make a word out of the letters. The letters must stay in the same order but the word can be as short or long as you like. Watch out, some letter combinations are really difficult!

I spy

I spy with my little eye, something beginning with "S"...

Is it a sign?

Is it a scarecrow?

Is it a street lamp?

I know, it's my sunglasses!

All you have to do is think of something you can see, then tell the family the first letter. The first person to guess the word wins.

Red car, yellow car

Pick a color and count the number of cars you see in that color. The first to reach ten wins!

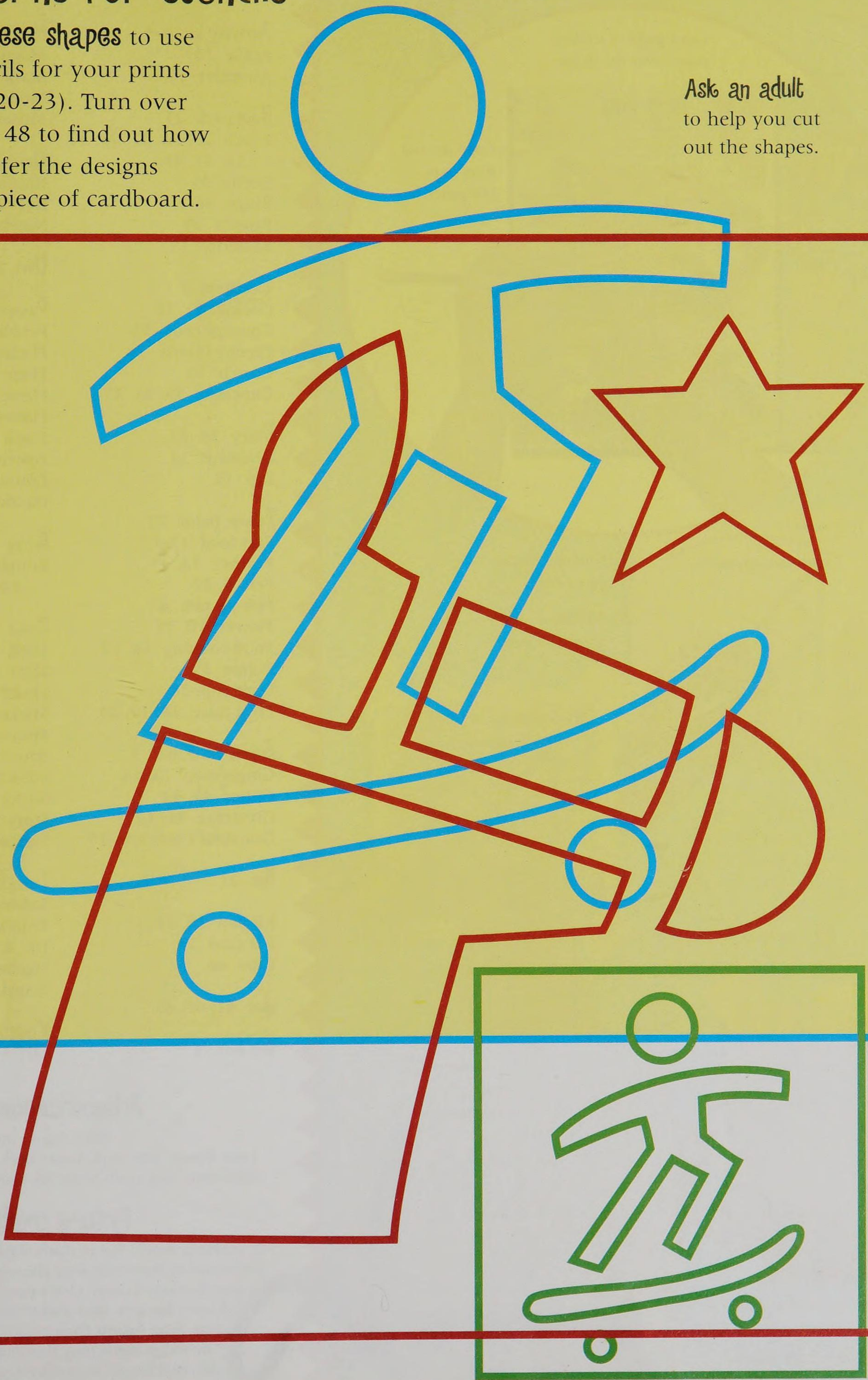
**I see 10.
I'm the winner!**



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Copy these shapes to use as stencils for your prints (pages 20-23). Turn over to page 48 to find out how to transfer the designs onto a piece of cardboard.

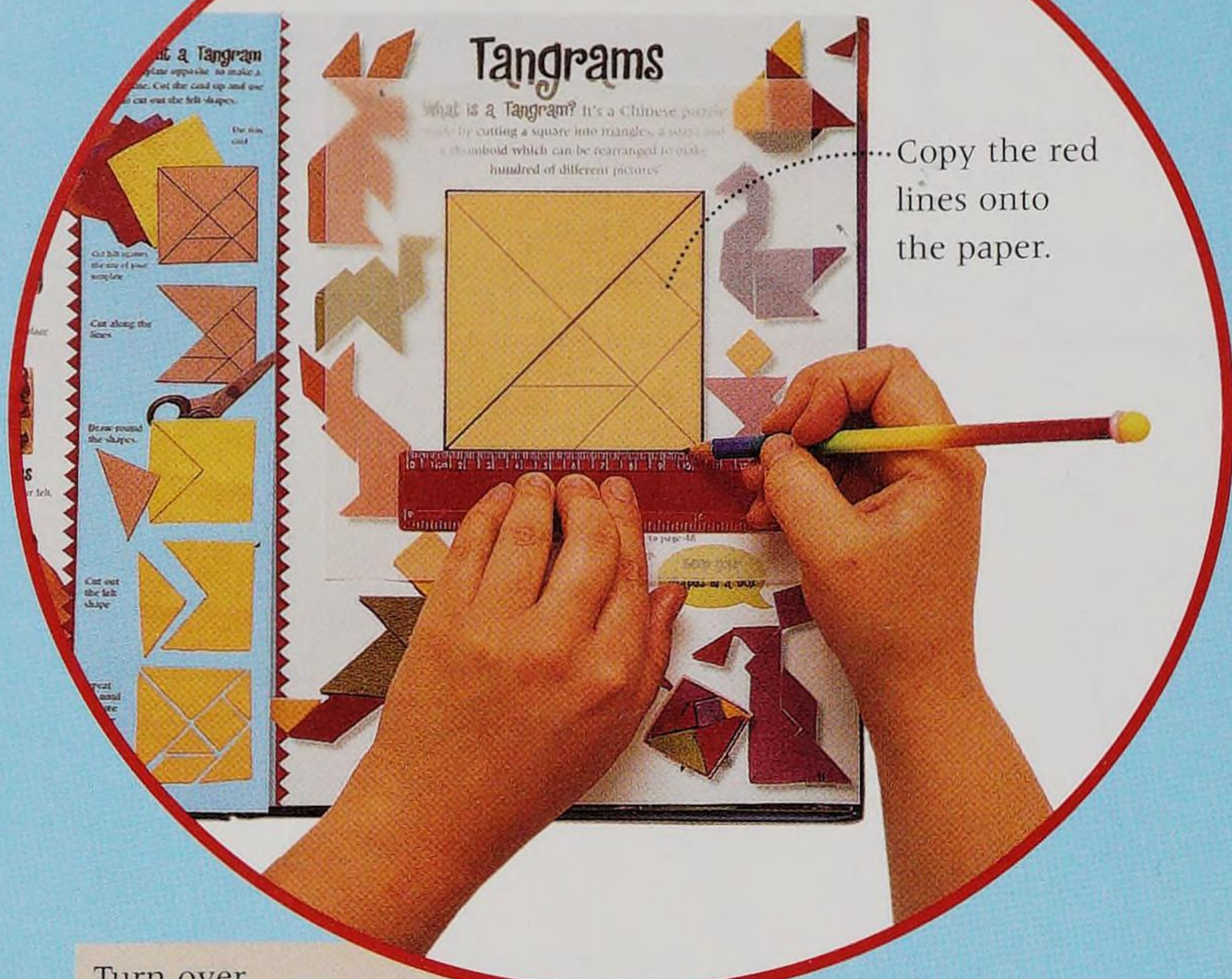
Ask an adult
to help you cut
out the shapes.



Transferring the tangram onto card-board (from pages 10-11)

Use this method for your
stencils as well.

Lay a piece of tracing
paper over the shape.



Copy the red
lines onto
the paper.

Turn over.

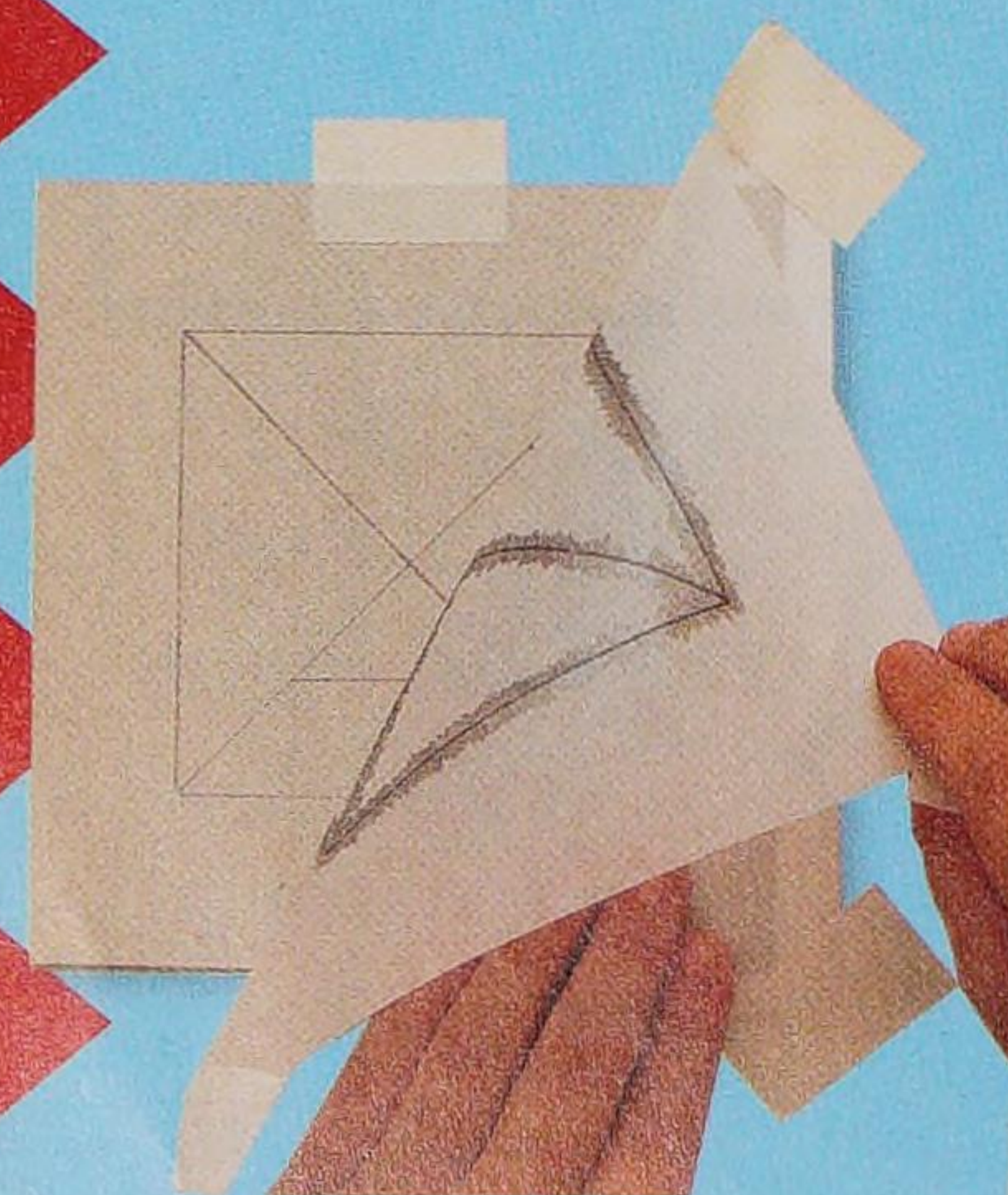
Turn the tracing
paper over.

Scribble over the
lines with pencil.

Turn over again.

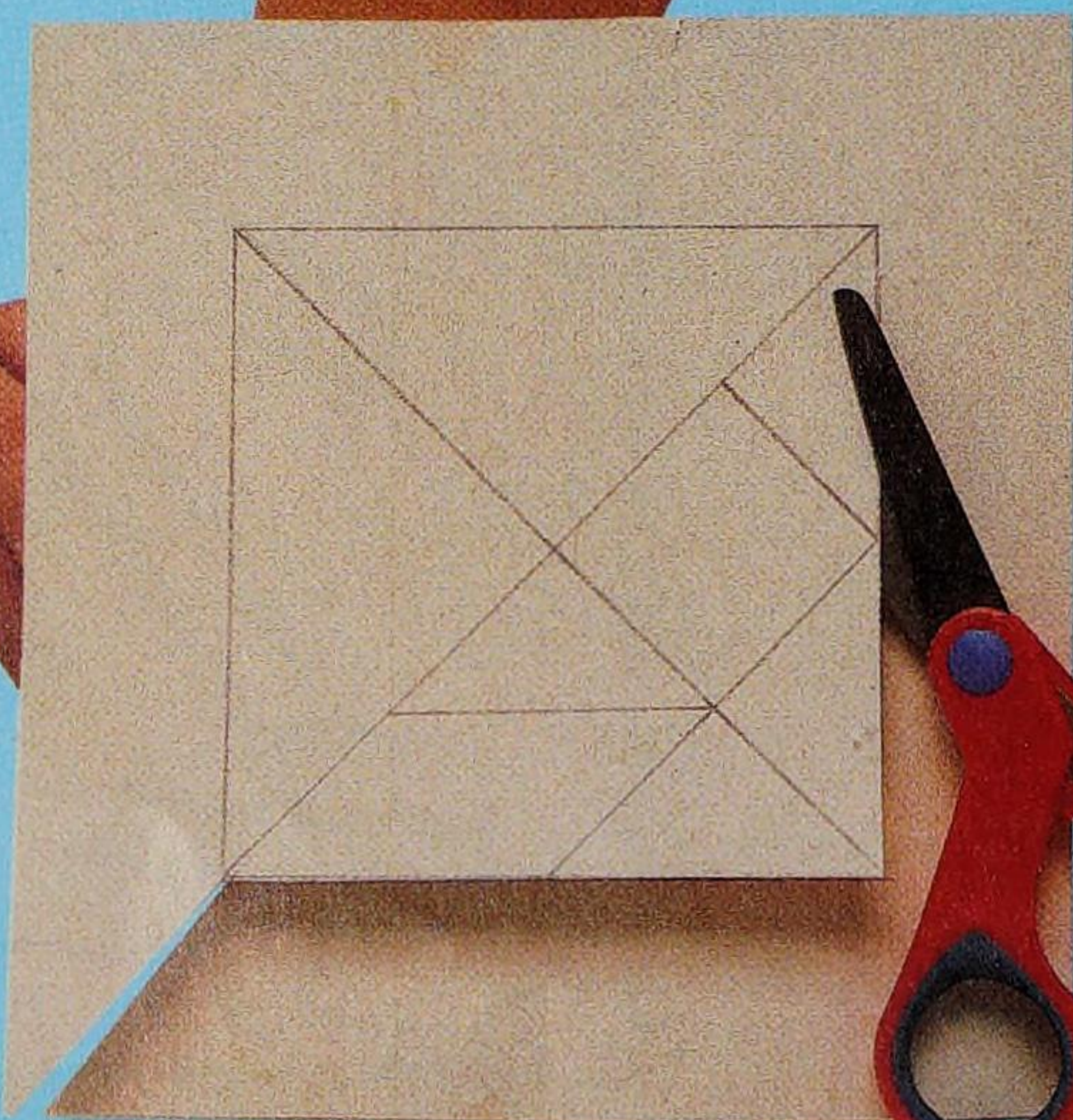
Now turn the
paper over again
and tape it to
thin cardboard.

Draw over
the lines again.



Remove the tracing paper.

Cut out the pieces.



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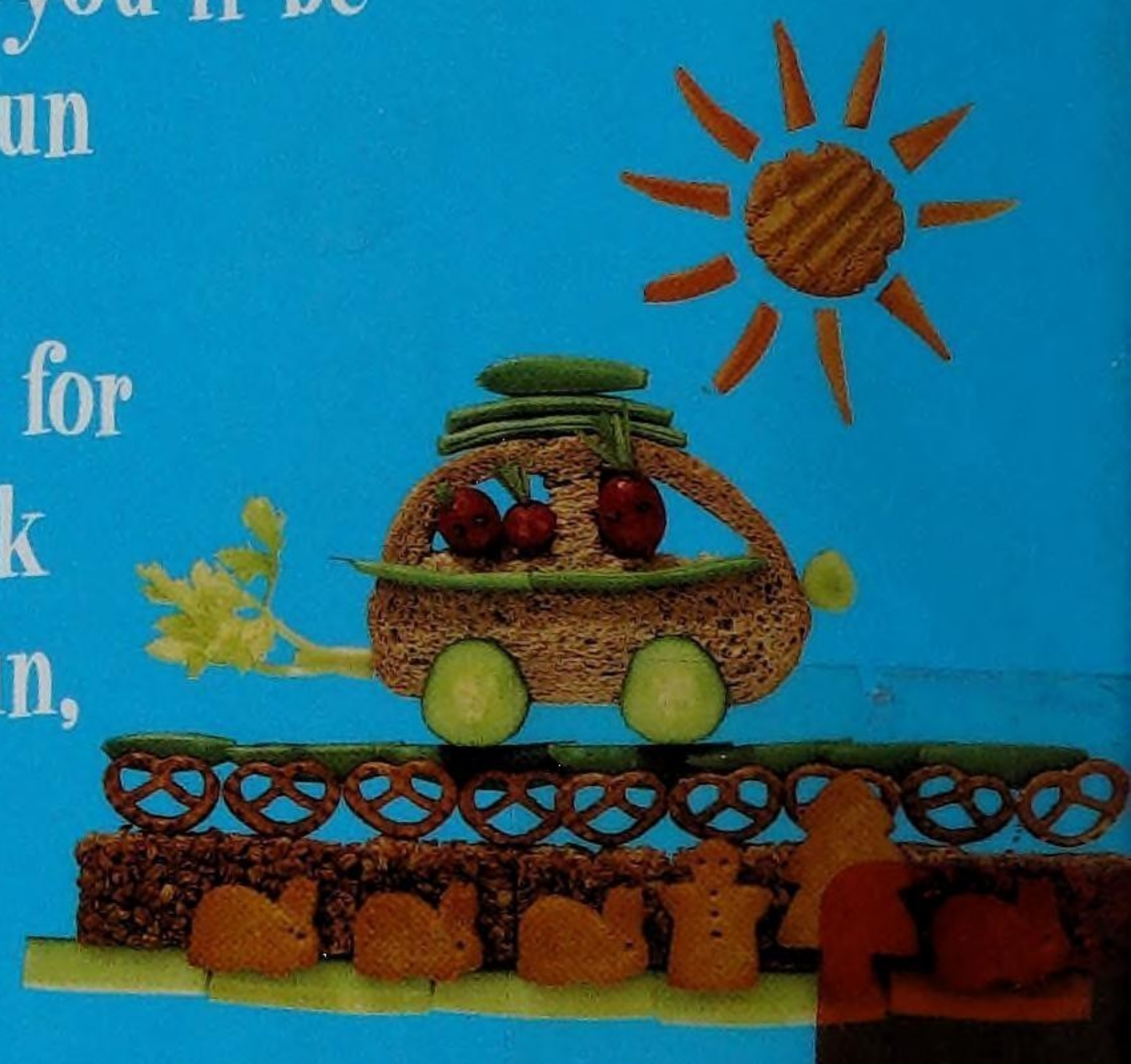
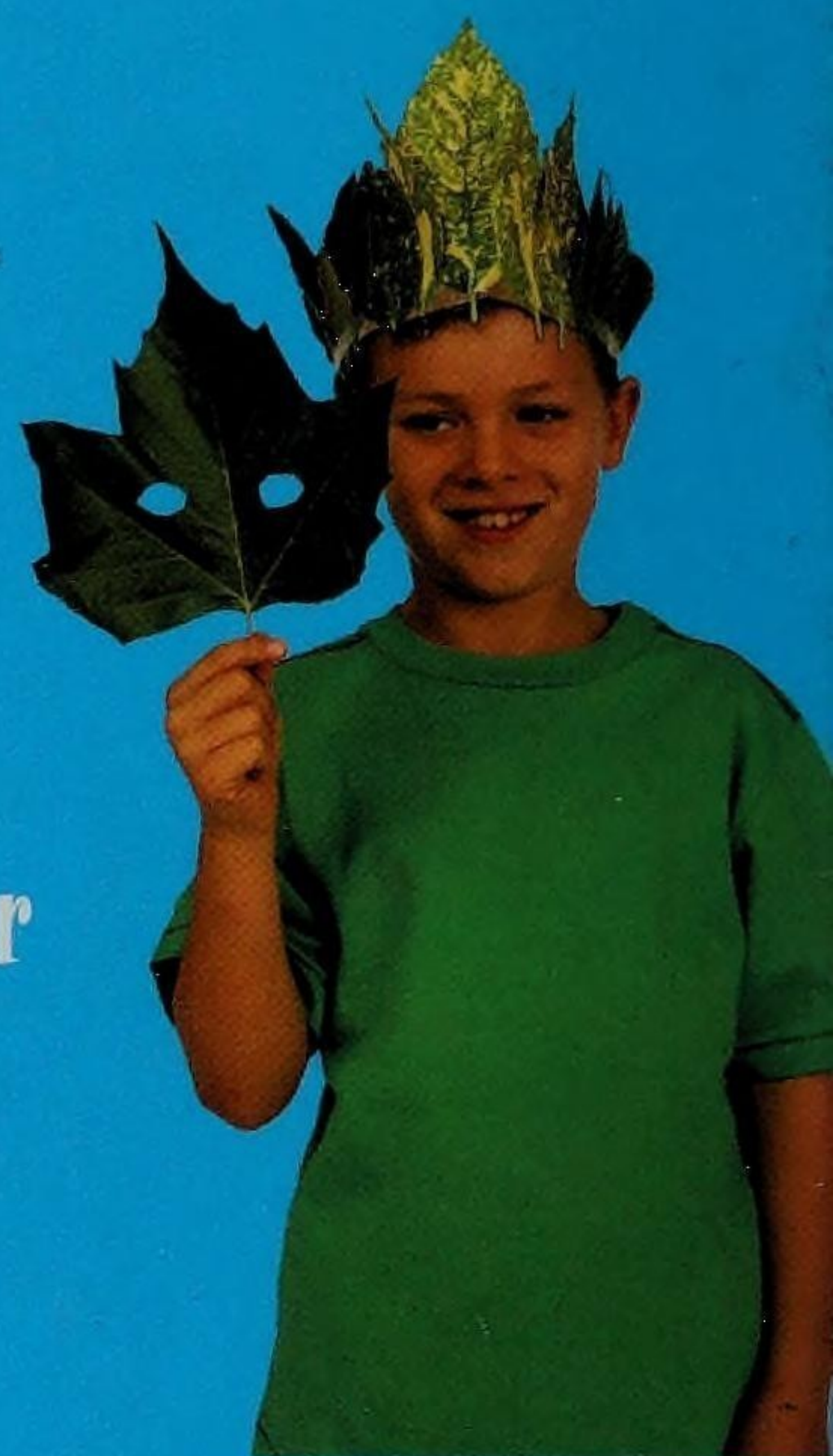
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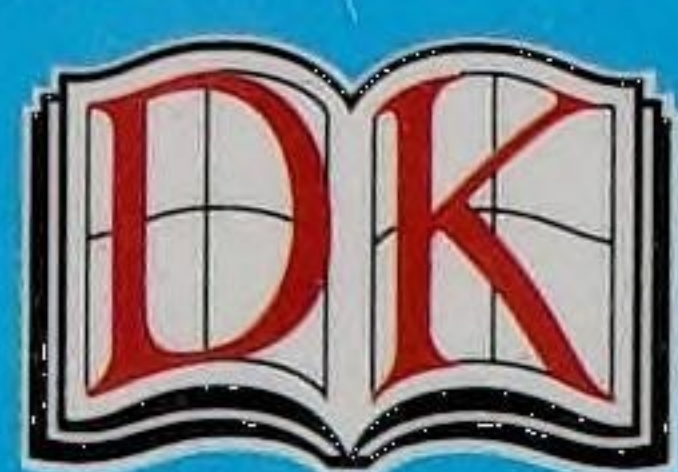
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